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▶ A worker removes debris from in front of a triplex in the 3900 block of 1st Street N.E. where police say a fire was deliberately set Wednesday night.

No injuries as triplex succumbs to blaze

- Police lay five arson-related charges against man, 41
- Officers visited residence twice on Wed. amid reports of domestic dispute

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Neighbours reported numerous domestic conflicts in recent months inside a Calgary triplex gutted by fire Wednesday night.

Police said Thursday they visited a residential building in the 3900 block of 1st Street N.E. twice on the evening of the blaze.

On their second visit, officers observed an individual heaving items out the front door and noticed smoke pouring out of the residence from a window, said Staff Sgt. Bruce Walker.

Edward Allan Tallmadge, a 41-year-old Calgary resident, had been charged with four counts of arson endangering life and one count of arson.

"It's thankful that nobody was hurt in this incident," Walker said, noting four residents inside the triplex were evacuated as the building went up in flames.

Crews were preparing to demolish the property entirely Thursday afternoon.

Some residences in an apartment next to the triplex were also damaged in the blaze, leading to frustration for their occupants.

"One stupid idiot caused all of this," said Annie Demuelenaere, as she watched crews prepare for demolition Thursday.

Neighbour Lou Carfantan arrived home Wednesday to find fire crews battling a wall of flames.

"It was pretty scary," he said. "We had seen them fighting in the past. I know (the police) had taken the woman away before."

Damages

- Police said the blaze Wednesday caused approximately $800,000 damage.
- The accused had been renting a home in the triplex for about three months, said Staff Sgt. Bruce Walker.
- There were reports Thursday that some of the tenants inside the triplex did not have proper renter's insurance.

City sponsorship motion expands

Would you take a dip in the Pepsi Pool?

How about attending a meeting at the City of Calgary Municipal Building courtesy of Coca-Cola?

Corporate sponsorships like these could become a reality if a motion put forth by a city alderman gains acceptance.

Ald. Shane Keating originally pitched allowing companies to bid on naming city LRT stations, but fellow council members requested Monday that the motion be altered to explore revenue gains through sponsorship of all city-owned facilities. The matter comes back before council Monday.

"We are seeing where the possibilities are," Keating said Thursday. "If there's a corporate group out there that says, 'We wouldn't mind having a swimming pool named after our company and we are willing to give so many dollars a year to maintain it,' then I think we should look at it."

The revenue-generating idea comes as some city departments have expressed concern over potential cuts to their annual budgets, but not all council members are sold.

"I don't want to go to work every day at the Coke building," said Ald. Richard Pootmans. "I think there are limits on what's for sale." If Keating's motion garners enough support, administration will bring a detailed report back to council in January.

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Hopley is a skilled squatter

When RCMP found Randall Hopley hiding in an old mining cabin this week, it wasn't so surprising.

He's done it before.

Past incidents suggest the 46-year-old is a break-in artist with a penchant for swiping odd goods and a knack for squatting in abandoned homes in the Crowsnest Pass area.

Hopley is accused of abducting three-year-old Kienan Hebert from his Sparwood home and returning him there four days later in the middle of the night, without being spotted by police. It took police another two days to track down their suspect.

Bob Grisl, plant supervisor at the Graymont limestone quarry, said Hopley broke a window to get in the locked cabin where he was discovered Tuesday.

Grisl said staff had checked the handful of abandoned buildings at the rock quarry a week ago. There were no signs anyone was living there.

The cabin had electricity but no heat, water or furniture.

Last year, a Calgary family said they found Hopley had moved into their empty cabin, changed the locks, moved in furniture, and even hooked up water and power.

News stories in local media from the time said officers arresting Hopley found stolen goods outside the home — a camper, quad, car batteries, generators and other heavy-duty equipment. Inside, there were reportedly computers, sexual paraphernalia and children's movies, diapers and clothes.

"He lived around here all his life. He knows the ins and outs of all the abandoned cabins," said Curtis Hagley, owner of Inn on the Border, near where Hopley was found.

Court records show Hopley pleaded guilty to a 2007 break and enter and was sentenced to 18 months jail, but other charges — unlawful confinement and attempted abduction — were stayed.

Hopley admitted at trial he tried to take a 10-year-old boy who was in foster care at the time.

Hopley claimed he was acting on behalf of the child's parents.

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Convenience fuels airport-bus popularity

- Route 300 was launched shortly before this year's Calgary Stampede
- Calgary Transit is currently gathering feedback on the route from riders

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

▶ Michael Joseph flashes his $8 ticket before hopping on Calgary Transit's airport shuttle bus to the downtown Thursday.

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Ridership aboard the city's only direct transit link between the downtown core and Calgary International Airport took off quickly and has steadily climbed, according to transit officials.

The route, which was launched in late June, saw an influx of users during the Calgary Stampede in July and now boasts more than 500 riders each day, or roughly 14 passengers per trip.

Calgary Transit officials had expressed hope the route would someday service 1,200 passengers daily, but spokesperson Theresa Schroder said the early figures are promising.

"We are really happy with it," she said. "There are definitely people who are using it to get to other places, and, obviously, if you're heading downtown it's a really good option."

The route aims to whisk riders from the downtown to airport in 30 minutes but it also stops at a number of key intersections along Centre Street North, Schroder noted.

Calgary Transit is surveying riders on the route and could introduce improvements in the coming months.

San Francisco resident Michael Joseph hopped aboard the bus during a six-hour layover in Calgary Thursday.

"It's good because it allows me to go down and see the (Calgary) Tower and things," he said. "It's better than just hanging out in the airport."

The route will serve a more vital purpose for Calgary resident Rachel Moghadam, who recently earned a job at the airport but doesn't drive. She and her mother Andrea tried the bus out Thursday.

"It was pretty fast, actually," Andrea said.

Airport shuttle

- Route 300 runs between the airport and downtown core every 30 minutes from 5:25 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week.
- The route is slated to run for six months before being re-evaluated and comes at a net cost of $336,000.
- Riders travelling from the airport to the downtown pay $8 to ride the shuttle. Passengers heading the other way pay the regular fare of $2.75 and can use monthly passes.

Smokes too cheap for youth: Critics

Cigarettes have become more affordable for Alberta youth over the last five years, and health groups are calling for a tobacco tax increase.

Dr. Gerry Predy, AHS' senior medical officer of health, said Alberta now has the second most affordable cigarettes in Canada for youth aged 15 to 24.

A pack is $11.32, but with high wages it only takes the average employed 15- to 24-year-old 44 minutes of labour to make that purchase.

In comparison, said Predy, it takes up to 71 minutes of labour to purchase 25 cigarettes in other provinces. METRO

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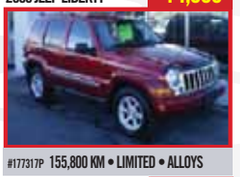

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"The idea of owning a house is nice; however, renting is sometimes the better option."

My name is Mike Morrison and I'm a renter.

Normally I wouldn't be so dramatic when announcing something so trivial, but nowadays it seems to many in this city that the biggest threat to their existence are those who pay their landlord's mortgage.

Earlier this week, aldermen John Mar and Druh Farrell both said their efforts to allow secondary suites in Calgary were all but evicted, thanks to members of council who refuse to pass any proposals that would see illegal apartments converted into legal suites.

An increase in apartments would, of course, help meet the demand of renters and slow this city's problematic urban sprawl.

So why would aldermen like Gord Lowe and Peter Demong not want an influx of renters in their wards? Their constituents say we're known for abandoning broken-down vehicles, throwing never-ending parties and thereby decreasing their property value.

I've lived in a couple of different places in Calgary and trust me — it's not just renters who do this. It just so happens that we're the easier target.

I've rented ever since I moved out of my parents' house, (a qualified therapist would tell you that I was probably paying my dues there too), and I don't think all of the blame of messy neighbourhoods can be put squarely on us renters. Just because I'm not paying a mortgage, it doesn't mean that I want to live in squalor either.

I think a lot of people are assuming that renters rent because we can't afford to own, perhaps implying that we don't have good jobs. For me, it's the contrary. While I can't afford to live in Mount Royal, I'm also choosing to not live in many of Calgary's communities because I enjoy walking to work and I like having an actual yard.

If aldermen Lowe and Demong have something against renters, I invite them to come live with me for a while, just as long as they do their dishes.

Artists fear for future of signature event

Production costs for college event exceed profits, says students' association rep Administration now seeking outside financial support

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Ceramics major Claire Becq is set to graduate this spring, and the biggest thing on her mind is gaining exposure for her work.

One event the Alberta College of Art and Design student had been eyeing was ArtaWEARness, an annual fashion and performance art showcase by various artists at the college that typically take months to prepare for.

This year, however, the college's students' association has deemed the event too costly and transferred its organization back to administration, leading to wide speculation the event may be cancelled this year — or worse yet, terminated for good.

"We have just kind of been crushed," said Becq, who has participated in the event twice previously.

"The college hasn't even given us another option for a smaller event."

Kris Weinmann, president of the students' association, said the decision to release control of ArtaWEARness came through development of the group's three-year strategic plan.

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▶ Claire Becq, fifth-year ceramics major at ACAD, shows off one of the pieces she made for last year's ArtaWEARness. The student was all smiles but won't be if the event doesn't go ahead this year.

"Everyone is still very enthusiastic about recreating this event," he noted. "Whether it will happen this year? I can't comment."

College administrative spokesperson Anne Marie Dorland deemed talk of cancelling the event "premature" and said the college is actively seeking outside financial support.

"We are still making plans," she said.

Becq, meanwhile, said morale is low among many of her peers who had already begun planning their pieces.

"There are (some) students that are really disappointed who maybe didn't get in last year and revamped their proposals and wanted to come back bigger and stronger," she said.

Held for 10 years

- ArtaWEARness has been held for 10 years and typically draws interest from local art enthusiasts and media.
- Kris Weinmann with the Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association said the event costs between $20,000-30,000 annually to put on.

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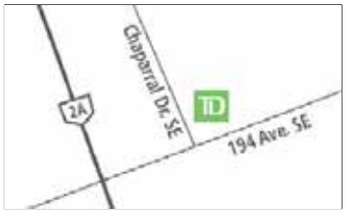

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AHS looks in 'solid shape'

Alberta Health Services has released its first-quarter results for its 2011-12 fiscal year.

It says there is a surplus of $65 million, but it will likely be reduced due to higher expenditures and additional purchases of internally funded equipment in the second half of the year.

Board chairman Ken Hughes says the department is in "solid financial shape" due to the five-year funding commitment from the Alberta government.

Total revenues are $2.84 billion for the first quarter, while expenses are $2.78 billion.

In June, AHS approved an $11.9 billion budget that included spending in key areas, including emergency wait times, radiation therapy wait times, growth in continuing care beds and services, and timely access to a range of surgical procedures.

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Dino and birds feathered friends?

If birds of a feather flock together, what were these beasts doing?

An ancient deposit of amber from southern Alberta has revealed that birds with feathers not that different from their modern descendants shared habitat with dinosaurs still sporting the most primitive of plumages.

"We've got two ends of the evolutionary-developmental model co-occurring, which is kind of weird," said University of Alberta paleontologist Ryan McKellar, co-author of a paper on the Medicine Hat amber deposit in the journal Science.

"We've got what appear to be dinosaurs running around with some sort of plumage. And alongside these guys we're also seeing feathers from what appear to be birds."

Researchers found the 11 samples as they were examining amber from the collection of the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology in Drumheller. More came from amateur collectors, who had been fossil-hunting for years.

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Expand the oilsands or apply the brakes?

Tory contenders consider the question at final leadership debate

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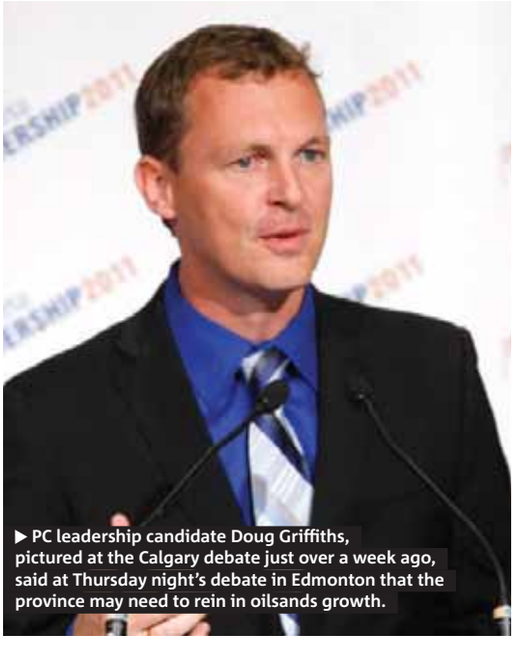

▶ PC leadership candidate Doug Griffiths, pictured at the Calgary debate just over a week ago, said at Thursday night's debate in Edmonton that the province may need to rein in oilsands growth.

Election

- Party members vote Saturday.
- The winner replaces Premier Ed Stelmach as leader of the party.

The six candidates vying to become the next premier of Alberta agreed Thursday to expand the multibillion-dollar oilsands industry — but one candidate wondered if too much money is being siphoned off.

Doug Griffiths said the province is moving too quickly and needs to step back.

"We're growing the oilsands so fast, we don't have enough warm bodies or equipment left to upgrade (the raw bitumen)," Griffiths told 1,200 people who attended the final party-sponsored debate in the race to replace Premier Ed Stelmach.

"We need to plan a proper phasing-in of the oilsands development so we can get the maximum value out of upgrading," he said.

Environmental activists in the United States are urging President Barack Obama to kill the XL pipeline, saying it will harm the environment and that the oilsands operations contribute to greenhouse gases.

Candidate Gary Mar, the Alberta envoy in Washington before quitting the job to run for the leadership, said he'll back the XL line.

"I support creating new markets in places like India and China, and to do that we need to increase our production of oilsands," said Mar.

Rick Orman, an energy minister in the era of former premier Don Getty, said he will push for more oil sales with Asia. "The fact we trade 90 per cent with the United States is a mistake," said Orman.

Alison Redford said the province must work with Fort McMurray on solutions, and not just dictate.

"The decisions that need to be made for Fort McMurray need to be made in Fort McMurray," said Redford. "They can't be made by a secretariat in Edmonton."

Doug Horner said oilsands expansion begins with workers.

"We need a made-in-Alberta immigration policy that allows us to take control of that and bring in the number of workers that we need," said Horner

Ted Morton said the government must balance the growth needs without polluting the surrounding air, land, and water.

"If we want to control our economic future, we have to control our environmental future," said Morton.

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- North Hill Shopping Centre (kiosk)
- Northland Village
- Shawnessy Village
- Southcentre Mall
- Southcentre Mall (kiosk)
- Southpointe Shopping Centre
- South Trail Crossing
- Sunridge Mall
- Sunridge Mall (kiosk)
- Westbrook Mall

CANMORE
- 105 - 802 Bow Valley Trail

EDMONTON
- 3918 White Mud & 17th St.
- 6143 - 28th Ave.
- 9774 - 170th St.
- 10603 - 107th Ave.
- 17551 - 100th Ave.
- 14808 Stony Plain Rd
- 18559 Stony Plain Rd
- Abbottsfield Shoppers Mall
- Bonnie Doon
- Capilano Mall
- Edmonton City Centre
- Kingsway Mall
- Kingsway Mall (kiosk)
- Londonderry Mall
- Mill Woods Town Centre
- Northgate Centre
- Northgate Centre (kiosk)
- Sherwood Park Mall
- South Edmonton Common
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Campaigns down to wire

With the clock running down on the race to replace Ed Stelmach as the next premier, the candidates are making their last push to win over voters before Saturday.

"It is all about outreach to people right now," said Alison Redford.

Redford spent all of Thursday meeting with community members and business people in Edmonton.

"I am reaching out to as many groups of people as I can," she said.

Candidate Ted Morton also had a full day meeting with voters in Edmonton.

While all of the six candidates were in Edmonton for the final forum on Thursday, many of their campaign offices were abuzz with volunteers and staff making phone calls to party members in the hope of encouraging voters to get out and cast their ballots Saturday.

"We are entirely focused on getting out the vote. We are burning up our telephone lines and encouraging all of our members and all of our volunteers to bring as many people to the polls on Saturday," said Kevin Weidlich, campaign operations manager for Doug Horner.

Voting takes place Saturday and the party will announce the first-ballot results. If no candidate has more than 50 per cent of the vote after the first ballot, another vote will take place with the Top 3 candidates.

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Don't you just hate that?

Metro spoke with Tory candidates to find out who was guilty of your election gripes Results are ranked in order of least to most annoying

Rick Orman
"Demon dialling" (pre-recorded phone messages): No
Billboards/lawn signs: No
Photo ops: Yes
Mudslinging, targeting policies of rivals: No
TV/online advertising: No
Score: 1/5

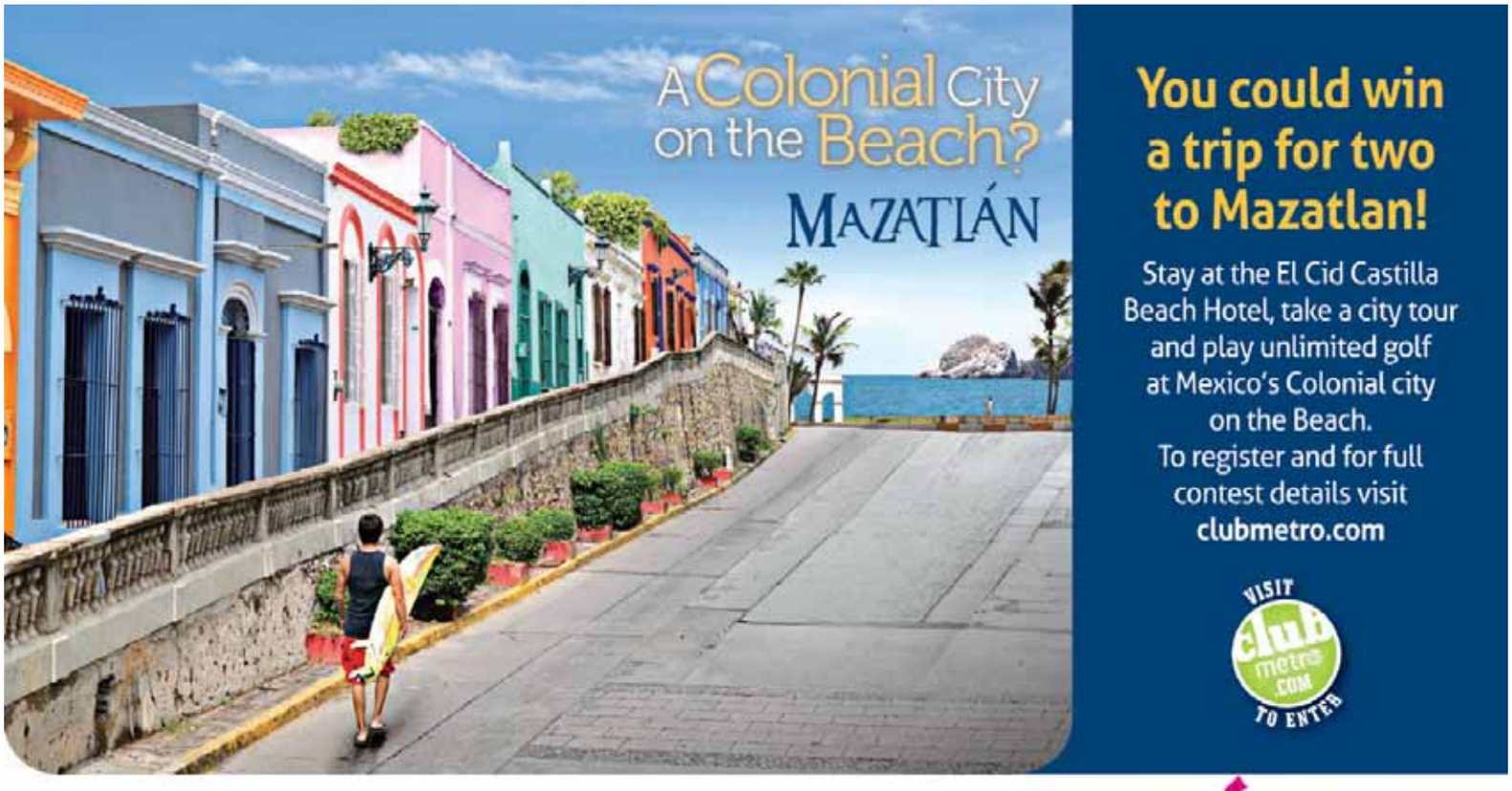
Doug Griffiths
Demon dialling: No
Billboards/lawn signs: No
Photo ops: Yes
Mudslinging, targeting policies of rivals: No
TV/online advertising: Yes
Score: 2/5

Alison Redford
Demon dialling: No
Billboards/lawn signs: Yes
Photo ops: Yes
Mudslinging, targeting policies of rivals: No
TV/online advertising: Yes
Score: 3/5

Doug Horner
Demon dialling: No
Billboards/lawn signs: Yes
Photo ops: Yes
Mudslinging, targeting policies of rivals: No
TV/online advertising: Yes
Score: 3/5

Gary Mar
Demon dialling: Yes
Billboards/lawn signs: Yes
Photo ops: Yes
Mudslinging, targeting policies of rivals: No
TV/online advertising: Yes
Score: 4/5

Ted Morton
Demon dialling: Spokesperson would not comment
Billboards/lawn signs: Yes
Photo ops: Yes
Mudslinging, targeting policies of rivals: No
TV/online advertising: Spokesperson would not comment
Score: N/A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Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the most annoying of all?

Metro surveyed 100 Albertans in recent weeks on what campaign tactics really get their goat ◐ First ballot in Tory leadership race is Saturday ◐ Second ballot, if needed, is Oct. 1

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Municipal, federal and provincial party ballots in the span of a year have left some Albertans feeling election weary and others downright annoyed.

With Saturday's first ballot in the Tory leadership campaign fast approaching, Metro hit the streets to find out which tactics are barely resonating with — or in some cases deterring — potential voters.

After that, the candidates on this weekend's ballot — or a spokesperson speaking on their behalf — were questioned on campaign tactics to determine who is getting under the skin of everyday Albertans.

Of the six candidates, former health minister Gary Mar seemed to be guilty of the most identified irritations.

Representatives with his camp would not comment Thursday on learning of Metro's analysis.

Former energy minister Rick Orman found himself on the other end of the spectrum, with just one election faux pas.

"We are very much about getting Rick out to the people, face to face," campaign spokesperson Lis Sondergaard said. "We had him all over, in community centres, meeting with different groups, and people responded really well to that."

Doug Griffiths, MLA for Battle River-Wainwright, deployed two of the Top 5 annoying tactics, but said in an interview that he pulled online and television advertisements one month into the campaign.

Former justice minister Alison Redford and former deputy premier Doug Horner tied with three violations each, and Ted Morton's answers were deemed incomplete after a campaign representative refused to divulge whether his candidate had used pre-recorded phone messages or advertisements on TV and the Internet.

Keith Brownsey, a political scientist at Mount Royal University, said some Albertans may be annoyed, but the tactics used by candidates have been heavily researched and are generally effective.

"There is an upside here," he said. "You reach more people … it's always more advantageous for a candidate to knock on doors, but this is a big province and it's a provincewide race."

Methodology

- **Of 100 Albertans** surveyed on the things they hate most about election campaigns, seven said they weren't annoyed with candidate tactics at all.
- **About half of those who** responded to Metro reporters counted "pre-recorded phone messages" — demon dialling — among their Top 3 election annoyances.
- **Answers were gathered in** Edmonton and Calgary over a period of two weeks ending Sept. 11.

And the runners-up are …

These election annoyances didn't crack the Top 5. But they still set our teeth on edge…

- Broken promises
- Too many elections
- Missing politicians on the campaign trail
- Mailed brochures
- Dumb catchphrases
- Door-knocking (10 readers deemed the practice annoying, but four appreciated the effort)
- Ignoring segregated groups
- Childish tactics by party volunteers

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▶ Mark Twitchell, seen here in an undated photo from MySpace.com, was convicted in the murder of Edmontonian John Altinger.

Killer gets TV treatment

Two-hour Dateline broadcast about convicted Edmonton killer Mark Twitchell, Deadly House of Cards airs on NBC Friday evening

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METRO CANADA IN EDMONTON

The story of Edmonton filmmaker-turned-killer Mark Twitchell hits television Friday on NBC's Dateline.

Twitchell was convicted in April of first-degree murder for luring John Altinger, 38, under the guise of a date with a woman, to an Edmonton garage before killing and dismembering him in 2008. Twitchell is currently serving a life sentence with no chance of parole at Prince Albert Penitentiary.

Altinger's friends have mixed feelings about the broadcast.

"At its roots this is a very unique case and perhaps it will serve as a warning to others to be more cautious," said longtime friend, John Flame, adding he respects others close to Altinger's desires for privacy.

Flame said he fears the show may inspire copycat crimes.

"My only hope is that Dateline does not in some way encourage other wannabes to act out. This is really where shows like Dateline can do more harm than good," said Flame.

Though silent during the trial, Flame now talks openly about his friend's killer

"Obviously he is either a very sick or very evil person, which I guess makes him sick. The world is better without some people in it and I believe this to be the case with Mr. Twitchell."

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Educator uses Twitter to teach

For Amy Murray, a kindergarten teacher at Calgary French & International School, Twitter has become a tool to help her young students learn.

"I was on Twitter as a professional," she told the Toronto Star in a phone interview. "I found an amazing network of professionals doing amazing things in their classrooms."

"I thought about this big community that was bigger than my school, city and country. I wanted that for my students to know there are children all over the world who go to kindergarten who are in some ways very similar and in some ways very different."

Initially, Murray's program started out small. The Calgary French & International School where she teaches is a UNESCO candidate school, part of an Alberta network established to promote peace and international co-operation through education. And it has to cover different themes, one of which is internationalism.

What better way to teach internationalism than to hook up with kindergarten classes in other countries, Murray thought. And soon after her project was born.

"I think it makes their world so much bigger," said Murray. "All of a sudden the students were interested in maps and where places are in the world."

She and three other teachers at the school set up Twitter accounts to interact with four other schools and their kindergarten classes from around the world. One class was in Indonesia, one in France, one in the Philippines and another in New York.

Murray and her fellow teachers are not the only ones turning to Twitter. A growing number of educators are turning to the social platform as a tool for teaching.

As for this year's program at Murray's school, there is enough demand that the four kindergarten classes will all have French-speaking Twitter buddies.

The program should get underway in late November, she said, kicking off with a card exchange for the holidays. But after that everything will be on Twitter. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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▶ Tom, left, and Gary, founders of the Decentralized Dance Party, bring the mobile party to Calgary on Friday night.

Art of partying lost no more

Partygoers can locate the DDP by looking on the group's Facebook page
The DDP is an all-ages event Visit decentralizeddanceparty.com

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Armed with an iPod, an FM transmitter and more than a hundred vintage boom boxes, two men are hoping to bring the lost art of partying back to Calgary on Friday.

Tom and Gary's Decentralized Dance Party (DDP) is set to hit Calgary's streets Friday night at a mystery location.

"We lead everyone on a party adventure through the streets and beyond," said co-founder Gary Lachance.

The DDP is touring around Canada bringing the mobile party-movement to the streets of all the major Canadian cities.

It is a decentralized party because there is no central audio source and no central location.

Before heading out to the event, party-goers are asked to read over the party manifesto on their website and remember the event is alcohol-free.

Although Lachance said there have never been any incidents of fighting or trouble at the events, police are always on hand.

"We are aware of it and we will be monitoring the event to ensure public safety," said Staff Sgt. Greg Cooper with the Calgary Police District One.

Police will keep an eye out for open liquor or any other forms of mischief.

Cooper said the event last year was problem-free with a few citations handed out for public urination.

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Duckett speaks out on health care

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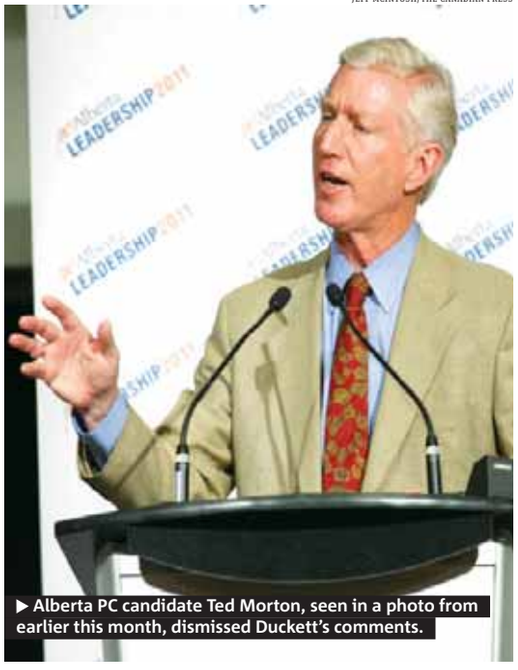

▶ Alberta PC candidate Ted Morton, seen in a photo from earlier this month, dismissed Duckett's comments.

Former Alberta Health Services CEO says government needs to 'wake up'
Duckett left job after cookie eating incident

With only days to go before round one of the Progressive Conservative leadership showdown, former Alberta Health Services CEO Stephen Duckett is speaking out on the government's handling of the health system.

"Alberta's got to wake up and the government's got to wake up when it comes to thinking of doing things differently if they want different outcomes," said Duckett.

He blames 10 years of poor government for a "systematic deterioration" of health care in the province and says Albertans now die sooner because of it.

"Ten or so years ago, the average Albertan lived slightly longer than the average person in the rest of Canada," Duckett said. "Now Albertans can expect to live a few months less than other Canadians."

Tory leadership candidate Ted Morton dismissed Duckett's comments, saying "he left under unfortunate circumstances and probably has a bit of a grudge going still."

Duckett left his job as head of Alberta Health Services last November after he rebuffed reporters at an emergency meeting by saying he was busy eating a cookie.

A video of the exchange went viral on the Internet and Premier Ed Stelmach called the comment offensive.

Duckett also made headlines when he said in a speech in Toronto that when he took over Alberta Health Services, he had to put a stop to politicians having go-to people in health regions who could facilitate faster care for friends, family and supporters.

The RCMP investigated the allegations of queue-jumping, which would be a violation of the Canada Health Act, but said it found only anecdotes, stories and rumours.

Candidate Gary Mar, a former health minister, said if there has been any deterioration in the health care system, "that didn't happen on my watch." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Comments

- On Thursday, Duckett called on the next premier to add 10,000 continuing care beds in the next decade.
- He also urged the next premier to maintain a single, provincewide public health system.
- He recommended the government "stop using health spending as a pork barrel," and said "populism is no way to set health priorities."
- Tory leadership candidate Alison Redford said she would agree that since she's been in government there's been "far too much political interference in how health care is managed."

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No tough advice on British riots

Judges were not issued advice to get tough in the aftermath of England's riots, despite a wave of harsh punishments for offenders, the country's advisory body on sentencing insisted Thursday.

In a response to a freedom of information request by The Associated Press, Britain's Sentencing Council said it had not issued any advice to judges in response to the August riots, and did not hold records of any discussions between officials over whether it should offer guidance to judges handling people charged with riot-related offences.

Arson, disorder and theft spread through London and other major English cities killing five people. Latest figures show that 1,715 people have been charged and that 176 people have been jailed so far. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

No conviction, but hefty fees

RULING. A Florida judge says that Casey Anthony must pay almost $100,000 in law enforcement costs for investigating the death of her 2-year-old daughter. Judge Belvin Perry's ruling Thursday was well short of the more than $500,000 that prosecutors and law enforcement agencies in Orlando were seeking. Anthony was acquitted in July on charges of murdering her daughter, Caylee. But the 25-year-old was convicted of four counts of lying to authorities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prosecutor beat outside court

BEATING. A Crown prosecutor was beaten bloody on his way to work at the Prince George, B.C., courthouse Thursday. Court sheriffs subdued the alleged attacker before RCMP arrived. Police did not identify the 40-year-old suspect or the victim but said he suffered non-life-threatening injuries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bombing at funeral kills 31

BOMBING. A suicide bomber attacked the funeral service Thursday of a Pakistani tribesman opposed to the Taliban, killing 31 people, police said, two days after Taliban gunmen killed four children in another district in conflict with the militant network. The blast during the ceremony in the Lower Dir region, 25 kilometres west of the Afghan border, wounded 75 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ An Indian girl, wearing traditional attire, poses for photographers as she along with others perform the traditional dance Garba in Ahmadabad, India, Thursday.

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A festival of tradition, and dance

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▶ Elisa Baker arrives in court in Newton, N.C., Monday.

Killer stepmom sentenced

Elisa Baker sentenced to maximum of 18 years for killing stepdaughter
Court heard hours of sometimes emotional witness testimony

A woman has been sentenced to up to 18 years in prison for the murder of her disabled 10-year-old stepdaughter whose disappearance and death shocked communities in the U.S. and in her native Australia.

Elisa Baker pleaded guilty Thursday to second-degree murder, nearly a year after the Australian girl was reported missing from her home in the North Carolina town of Hickory.

Parts of Zahra Baker's remains were found in multiple sites shortly after her reported disappearance.

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Bees attack farm, take down large hog

Killer bees attacked several farm animals and killed a 450-kilogram hog at a southern Arizona farm.

KOLD-TV reports farmers were trying to move a hive that weighed around 90 kilograms on Wednesday as an estimated 250,000 bees swarmed around like a black cloud and stung animals and farm workers.

Bee expert Reed Booth says he was surprised at seeing the bees kill such a large hog, considering the animal has several layers of fat and skin. A 360-kilogram pregnant sow was stung so many times that she went into a coma and lost her litter.

250K The number of bees that stung animals and farm workers in southern Arizona.

In northern Arizona, a man remains hospitalized after he was stung more than 1,000 times Sunday. Yavapai County authorities say 49-year-old DeWayne Spires disturbed bees nesting under a cattle trough.

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▶ Greenpeace founders Irving Stowe, Paul Cote and Jim Bohlen in the early days of the organization.

Greenpeace celebrates 40 years

Four decades ago, a group of environmentalists boarded a former fishing vessel in Vancouver and set off toward Alaska, sailing up the West Coast to protest planned nuclear-weapons testing by the United States.

The ship, which was christened the Greenpeace, was intercepted by the U.S. navy and never reached the Alaskan island of Amchitka. But the stunt generated a barrage of media attention.

The group, which long ago adopted the name Greenpeace, is returning to Vancouver this week to mark its 40th anniversary.

"The remarkable thing about 40 years is that the organization is still standing — and not only is it standing, it's thriving," says Greenpeace International's executive director, Kumi Naidoo, who will be on hand for the anniversary.

Vancouver's mayor will proclaim a "Greenpeace Day" on Thursday. A so-called "Rainbow Warrior Festival" is planned this weekend at a local beach.

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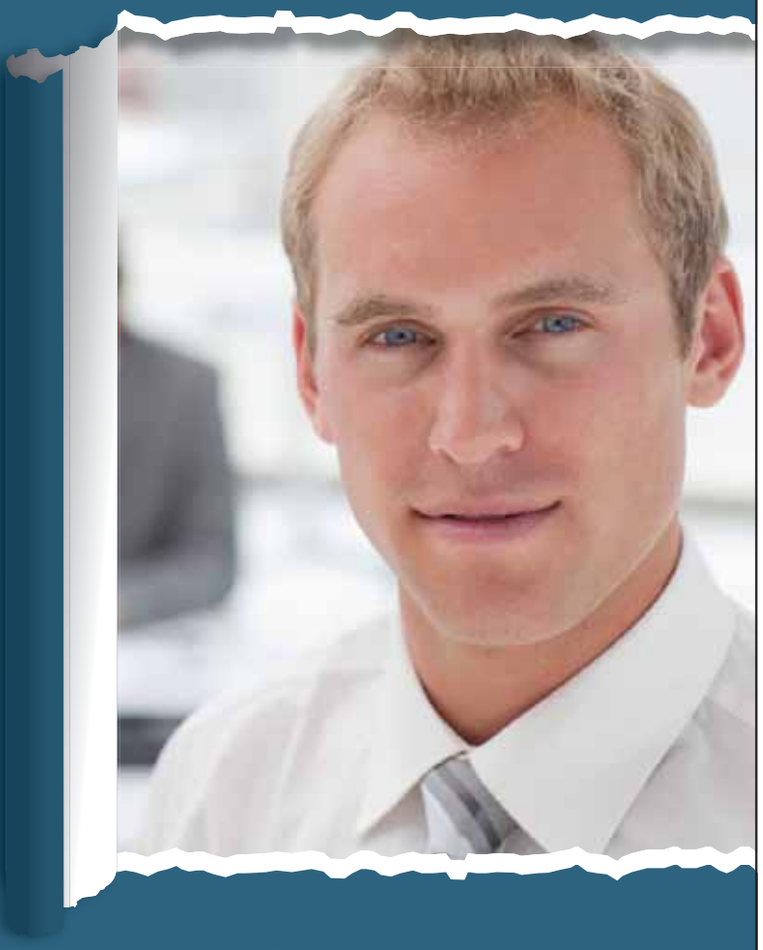

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NATO, rebels fight on

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▶ A rebel fighter in Bani Walid, Libya.

▶ French President Nicholas Sarkozy, centre, and British Prime Minister David Cameron, back left, greet people gathered in a square during their visit to Benghazi, Libya, on Thursday.

NATO forces continue to go after the holdout loyalist forces in Libya. Airstrikes hit 24 targets on Wednesday, including several radar systems and surface-to-air missile systems near Sirte, Bani Walid and Sabha; and smaller holdouts Waddan and Zillah, the alliance said.

Revolutionary forces entered Sirte's outskirts Thursday in a surprise advance on the pro-Gadhafi city, fighting resistance from loyalists.

Ali Gliwan, a member of the rebel military council, said fighters crossed a major highway overpass at the southwestern entrance of the city, and were met by rocket fire from Gadhafi loyalists. The fighters advanced into the city centre, clashing with snipers and with Gadhafi troops. Four fighters were killed and seven wounded, an official said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Libyan assets

- **So far, the UN has** approved the unblocking of about $6 billion US from banks in the U.S., Britain and France.
- **A spokeswoman for the** British prime minister, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said a new United Nations Security Council resolution authorizing the release of all frozen Libyan assets has support of all five permanent members.
- **British Prime Minister** David Cameron said he would push for the release to the NTC of billions of dollars in Libyan assets that had been frozen.
- **Analysts estimate that as** much as $110 billion is frozen in banks worldwide.
- **Britain has also won** approval from the UN sanctions committee on Libya to release a further $950 million immediately to fund public-sector salaries.
- **The flow of more of the** frozen funds from abroad could provide the National Transitional Council with more weight in Libya.

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Libya opens arms

Release of assets could help beat out loyalist forces

British Prime Minister David Cameron and French President Nicolas Sarkozy offered broad support for Libya's new rulers Thursday, promising to unfreeze billions in assets and help in finding Moammar Gadhafi, even as revolutionary forces attempted their first significant assault on the ousted leader's hometown.

The western leaders got a welcome worthy of rock stars from jubilant Libyans grateful for NATO airstrikes that helped turn the tide of the war in their favour.

Hospital staff in Tripoli applauded and schoolchildren in Benghazi wore T-shirts that said "Generations will never forget the favours and support from Great Britain" and "Sarkozy: Benghazi loves you."

But tight security in both cities was a reminder of the fact that Gadhafi is still on the run and his supporters are holding out in three major strongholds, including his hometown of Sirte.

Gadhafi's spokesman, Moussa Ibrahim, chided the foreign leaders for their short trip, claiming that pro-Gadhafi fighters "are everywhere."

Cameron acknowledged the fight wasn't over and pledged NATO would continue to support fighters. He said his message for Gadhafi and those fighting for him was: "It is over. Give up." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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COD RECOVERY

Renewed calls for seal cull

A report released Thursday says 70,000 grey seals should be killed over a one- or two-year period to test the hypothesis that the animals are preventing recovery of groundfish stocks in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence.

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The recommendation from the Fisheries Resource Conservation Council mirrors a proposal released in March by the Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat, which works for the federal Fisheries Department.

Some fishermen in Atlantic Canada have long complained that hungry seals have hindered the recovery of cod stocks, which collapsed in the 1990s after overfishing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man arrested in murder of Manitoba woman

RCMP say a man sought in the slaying of a Manitoba woman has been arrested in southern Alberta.

They say the RCMP's emergency response team found Russell McDiarmid at a campsite near Dead Man's Flat on Thursday evening.

He was taken into custody without incident and will be escorted back to Manitoba.

A Canada-wide warrant had been issued for the 51-year-old in the death of Nancy Swenty of Fisher Branch, Man. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mulcair gains support

NDP caucus splintering into rival leadership camps ◐ Vote in March

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▶ NDP MP Thomas Mulcair has refused to confirm his candidacy for the leadership of the party.

Two Quebec MPs are urging Thomas Mulcair to go for the NDP leadership, creating the impression of a draft movement for the Montreal MP.

Mulcair has claimed to have the support of "a very large majority" of the party's 59-member Quebec caucus, although he has yet to formally declare his candidacy.

Francois Lapointe and Jamie Nicholls emerged from an NDP caucus retreat Thursday to lend credence to that claim.

"The person I've chosen to support is Thomas Mulcair," announced Nicholls, a Montreal MP.

"He's somebody who's been very supportive to the Quebec caucus. He has helped us in so many ways."

Nicholls said there's "a groundswell of support" for Mulcair. "Within the caucus, I've talked to a few people and they're ready to support Tom."

Similarly, Lapointe urged Mulcair to take the plunge, calling him an "exceptional" parliamentarian.

Until now, most Quebec MPs have said they're waiting to see who enters the race before deciding whom to support. Both Lapointe and Nicholls denied they were asked to make public professions of support.

A third Quebec MP, Claude Patry, later said he too supports Mulcair. And a fourth, Robert Aubin, said he's strongly inclined to support Mulcair, whom he credited with getting him elected.

Another prospective candidate, British Columbia MP Peter Julian, also won an endorsement Thursday, from Windsor MP Brian Masse.

So far, party president Brian Topp is the only declared candidate. He has already racked up an impressive roster of endorsements, starting with party icon Ed Broadbent and Quebec MP Francoise Boivin.

Earlier this week, Mulcair took a shot at the speed with which Topp launched his campaign, suggesting it was not respectful of the memory of the party's late leader, Jack Layton, who died of cancer last month.

Mulcair indicated he wants to take his time assembling a nationwide team before taking the plunge. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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U.K. raises barrier to prosecuting war criminals

Britain has amended a law Thursday to make it tougher for ordinary citizens or activist groups to get arrest warrants against suspected war criminals or torturers — a move that angered some human rights lawyers and activists.

Britain's universal jurisdiction law allows British courts to prosecute foreigners accused of crimes against humanity, no matter where the alleged crimes were committed. The principle of the law is rooted in the belief that certain crimes — such as genocide, hostage-taking and torture — are so serious that they must be addressed anywhere it is possible to do so.

Under the new amendment ratified Thursday, private citizens can still pursue arrest warrants, but the government's chief prosecutor must approve them. Justice Secretary Kenneth Clarke said the change will ensure that "the balance is struck between ensuring those who are accused of such heinous crimes do not escape justice and that universal jurisdiction cases are only proceeded with on the basis of solid evidence."

In the past, attempts have been made to obtain warrants to arrest visiting foreign dignitaries such as Henry Kissinger, Chinese Trade Minister Bo Xilai and Tzipi Livni, former foreign minister and now leader of the opposition in Israel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

International law

- Although universal jurisdiction is a concept in international law, British judges have been more open to the concept than those in other countries.

Cruise ship fire kills 2

Sabotage was not suspected ‘Our suspicion is that there was an explosion in the machine room,’ Norwegian acting police chief said

An "intense" fire in a cruise ship's engine room killed two crewmen Thursday, injured nine others and forced over 200 passengers to evacuate a popular cruise off Norway's western coast. Police suspect an accidental on-board explosion.

Thick black smoke billowed from the stern of the boat, the MS Nordlys, even before it pulled into the dock at Aalesund, 375 kilometres northwest of the capital of Oslo. Police sealed off parts of the town as the smoke engulfed nearby buildings.

The ship's emergency evacuation began after the fire started at 9 a.m., with more than 100 passengers piling into lifeboats in the frigid waters. The rest of the ship's 207 passengers and 55 crew were evacuated at the dock at Aalesund, with some crew staying on board to fight the fire.

Aalesund Hospital said nine people had been admitted, two with serious burns and smoke injuries. Police said all of the injured and dead were members of the ship's crew. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Norwegian cruise ship MS Nordlys billows smoke as it approaches Alesund in western Norway Thursday.

‘It was a well-organized evacuation’

"The crew did a really good job. Everything was calm and went smoothly. There was no panic." CRUISE SHIP PASSENGER DANIELLE PASSEBOIS-PAYA

"We were sent up on deck and given our life vests," Danielle Passebois-Paya, a French tourist, told Norwegian press. "It took only a few minutes after the alarm and we were in the lifeboats." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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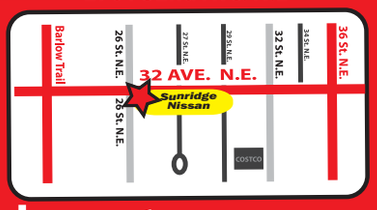

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Let's just call them beer tents

Denmark votes for woman PM

Denmark has elected its first female prime minister, ousting the right-wing government from power after 10 years of pro-market reforms and ever-stricter controls on immigration.

Near complete official results showed Thursday that a left-leaning bloc led by Social Democrat Helle Thorning-Schmidt would gain a narrow majority in the 179-seat parliament.

"We did it. Make no mistake: We have written history," the 44-year-old opposition leader told jubilant supporters.

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Mutual funds tank

Mutual fund sales in Canada dropped sharply in August as investors fled volatile markets and sold off equity and money market funds, the Investment Funds Institute of Canada said Thursday.

Net sales of monthly mutual funds hit $205 million, down from July sales of $566 million and $306 million in August 2010.

Equity fund sales tumbled sharply, with $1.6 billion in redemptions compared to $964 million in redemptions in July.

Investors also pulled cash out of money-market funds with $4.5 million in net redemptions compared to $36.4 million in net sales in July.

Only bond funds posted gains, with sales rising to $1.26 billion from $99.8 million in July. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Netflix lowers sights

Netflix Inc. downgraded third-quarter expectations for U.S. subscribers by four per cent on Thursday, just weeks after separating its DVD and streaming services, which increased the price for U.S. customers who want both. The company now expects 24 million subscribers for the quarter, down from 25 million forecast in July. Netflix kept its forecast for subscribers in Canada and elsewhere, which makes up a small fraction of its total customers, and overall third-quarter earnings, intact. In Canada, the company has about one million subscribers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rogue losses rock Swiss bank

UBS stock sinks sharply after 'unauthorized trading' detected

A rogue trader has caused an estimated $2 billion US loss for Swiss banking giant UBS, the company said Thursday. It's a stunning blow to a beleaguered banking industry that has proved vulnerable to unauthorized trades.

Police in London arrested a 31-year-old UBS trader, Kweku Adoboli, in the alleged fraud.

Switzerland's largest bank warned it could report a loss for the entire third quarter as a result of the rogue trade, while shares in UBS AG plummeted 8.7 per cent to 9.98 francs ($11.41 US) on the Zurich exchange by mid-afternoon.

The Swiss banking regulator, Finma, said it was in contact with UBS about the incident, which was discovered late Wednesday.

"From the scale of this case you can be sure that it's the biggest we've ever seen for a Swiss bank," Finma spokesman Tobias Lux said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rogue's gallery

- **The case evoked** memories of Jerome Kerviel, the trader at French bank Societe Generale who secretly gambled away $6.7 billion US.
- **The scale of that fraud** rocked the global financial industry and prompted banks to tighten oversight rules to ensure such large sums couldn't be traded unnoticed.

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▶ It wasn't all business as usual Thursday at the London branch of Swiss banking giant UBS. The company says a renegade trader lost $2 billion US.

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Industry soars

Manufacturing sales rose 2.7 per cent in July, ending three straight monthly declines as the Canadian industrial sector breathed back to life.

Statistics Canada said Thursday that manufacturing sales hit $46.7 billion in July, with more than three-quarters of the gains in Ontario. Oil products and steel, aluminum and other primary metal manufacturing were the biggest contributors to the gain, which was nearly twice what economists had expected for July.

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End of the line for Crown Vic

St. Thomas factory shuts down, ending production of roomy sedans 27th Ford plant closed since 2008

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▶ Employee Rita Carreiro cries on her last day of work at Ford's plant in St. Thomas, Ont., which was shuttered on Thursday.

The Ford assembly plant in St. Thomas, Ont., closed Thursday after four decades and some 8 million vehicles.

With closure, the last of 1,200 employees were thrown out of work. A decade ago, there were about 3,600 union members at the factory.

The final sedan rolled out of the plant and with it the end of a 44-year history that included building Fairmonts, Pintos, Mavericks and other autos. The plant had been building full-sized sedans such as the Lincoln Town Car and Crown Victoria, but sales had fallen steadily for years.

The workers have known since 2009 that the plant would close, but they had hoped it would stay open. The union and Ford have worked out compensation packages.

A Ford spokesman said the company remains committed to Ontario, having recently invested in its engine plant in Windsor and its assembly plant in Oakville. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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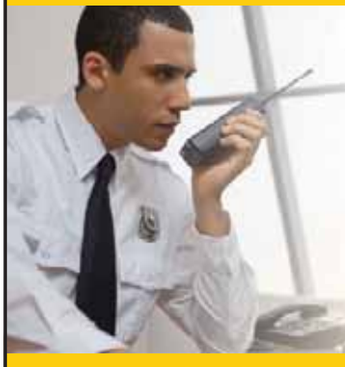

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U.S. inflation continues to rise

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▶ Sharp price increases for gas and food have pushed up most measures of inflation this year.

U.S. consumers paid more for a range of goods and services last month, pushing up inflation.

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 per cent in August after jumping 0.5 per cent in July. The core index, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, rose 0.2 per cent.

For the 12 months that ended in August, the core index surged 2 per cent, the biggest year-over-year increase in nearly three years. That's at the high end of the Federal Reserve's informal inflation target. It could limit the central bank's ability to take further steps to try to revive the economy.

The Labor Department said food prices rose 0.5 per cent, the biggest increase since March. That was due to higher prices for cereals and dairy products. Energy prices increased 1.2 per cent.

Among the factors driving up the core index were rental costs. They rose 0.4 per cent.

Clothing costs rose 1.1 per cent, extending a string of increases that stem partly from steep rises in cotton prices earlier this year. Airline fares rose 1.1 per cent, the most since March.

Sharp price increases for gas and food have pushed up most measures of inflation this year. That has reduced consumers' purchasing power, cut into their spending power and weakened the economy.

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News in brief

Economic growth stalls

OTTAWA. The economic recovery has nearly ground close to a halt in big industrialized economies — and slowed in Canada — but a recession seems to have been averted for now, according to a forecast released Thursday.

Canada's slumbering manufacturing sector awoke in July, jumping 2.7 per cent after three straight monthly declines.

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European banks to get more cash

EUROPE. Five of the world's top central banks acted jointly Thursday to provide unlimited dollar loans to banks, a move aimed at easing the growing tensions in the eurozone's financial sector and shielding the global economy from its jitters.

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Loonie rises

OTTAWA. The Canadian dollar rose steadily against its U.S. counterpart Thursday as the greenback weakened after more U.S.. dollars were made available to European banks struggling with the eurozone's debt crisis.

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Housing market steady: Analysts

The global economic turmoil that roiled stock markets around the world in August did little to dampen the Canadian housing market, which continued to show strong gains in sales and prices.

Analysts expressed surprise on Thursday that the wildly volatile swings on North American, European and Asian stock markets had little impact on housing, which for many years has been a pillar of economic growth in Canda.

While many analysts had expected a big slump, sales of resale houses remained steady and prices rose.

New listings also remained steady, the association said.

The figures, released by the body that represents the bulk of Canadian real estate agents, suggest that the housing sector will continue to drive growth in the national economy.

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BlackBerry profits take steep nosedive

Research In Motion Ltd. reports its profit plunged by more than half in the second quarter, falling short of analyst expectations.

The BlackBerry maker, which keeps its books in U.S. dollars, reports second-quarter net earnings of $329 million US or 63 cents per diluted share on $4.17 billion in revenue.

That compared with a profit of $797 million or $1.46 per share on $4.62 billion a year ago.

Analysts' estimates compiled by Thomson Reuters had on average expected $4.5 billion US in revenue and a profit of 90 cents per share.

The technology firm based in Waterloo, Ont., announced earlier this year 2,000 job cuts, or about 11 per cent of its global workforce in a bid to cut costs in a highly competitive smartphone market. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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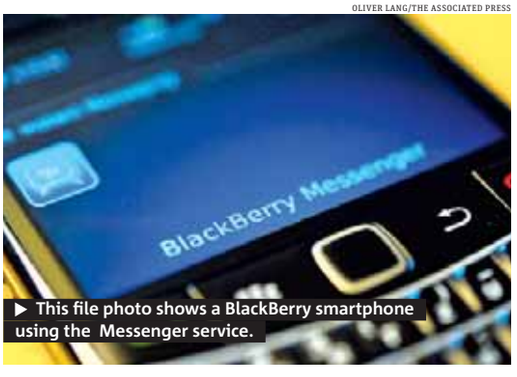

▶ This file photo shows a BlackBerry smartphone using the Messenger service.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

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+ 0.70¢
(101.63¢ US)

Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
$3.878
(- 16.1¢)

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$1,781.40
(- $45.10)

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... AND I AM A MATERIAL GIRL

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1 Kienan Hebert: "OMG I can confirm that Kienan Hebert was returned by suspect @ around 3 a.m." That was the shocking tweet sent out by RCMP spokesman Dan Moskaluk Sunday saying that three-year-old Sparwood, B.C., boy Kienan Hebert was brought home safe. Randall Hopley allegedly abducted him five days earlier in a case that gripped the nation. Miracle.

2 SYTYCD cancelled: Fans were shocked this week when it was announced CTV ratings-winner So You Think You Can Dance Canada, which showcased the country's vibrant young dance community, was being canned. This on the heels of the finale of Season 4, which Jordan Clark, 19, of Tottenham, Ont., won. Time to bring back Electric Circus (or EC, as so many fans knew it).

3 The Sound of Silence: Paul Simon's beautiful The Sound of Silence, written in 1964 in the aftermath of the assassination of JFK, took on a whole new meaning for both an older and newer generation when he sang it on the 10th anniversary of 9-11 at Ground Zero. The song was perhaps the poignant moment of the tribute, and already has over a million views on YouTube. For some, it will now be *the* 9-11 memorial song.

4 Anderson: It's RidicuList how busy Anderson Cooper is: He's behind the anchor chair and jetsetting around the world covering world events for CNN's AC 360, and now he has a new daytime talk show. Anderson debuted this week, where the pop-culture junkie takes off his tie and sits on a sofa to interview guests (Snooki!). Sounds promising as long as he doesn't start channelling Maury Povich.

5 Get to Know Your Community — Ride a Bike: Fall's a great time to be a tourist in your own Canadian community, to explore spots you wouldn't normally visit. And what greener way to do so than on a bike? For inspiration, check out the new Get to Know Your Community — Ride a Bike poster at jacksoncreek.ca.

6 Online dating study: According to an online dating study released this week by WhatsYourPrice.com, women "in general prefer to date men who are approximately six years older than they are, but who are less than 10 years older." I'm only a year older than my wife. No wonder she says I'm immature.

7 Madonna and hydrangeas: Last week, Madonna dissed a fan who gave her hydrangeas at a Venice Film Festival press conference. "I absolutely loathe hydrangeas. He obviously doesn't know that," she whispered in a moment caught on tape that went viral on the interwebs. Her response this week? A tongue-in-cheek Madonna's Love Letter to Hydrangeas on YouTube. Nice apology, Material Girl.

8 Steve Nash: Steve Nash opened the Toronto Stock Exchange this week for a health company he has partnered with, Liquid Nutrition, which will be opening more franchises here. Apparently everyone there wanted a piece of Nash. Let's see: Nash is Canadian, an NBA star, fights obesity, has a charitable foundation, an Order of Canada, a star on Canada's Walk of Fame, is articulate and has 615,000 Twitter followers. Steve Nash for prime minister.

Follow Neil Morton on Twitter (@neilmorton).

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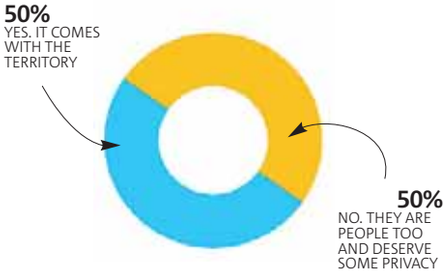
Are celebrities fair game for autographs or photo-ops when they are spotted in public?



Local tweets

- **@kettx:** building a hovercraft that runs on shampoo would probably be a more reliable mode of transportation than the bus system in #yyc
- **@albertagreekgrl:** so I can't check my phone at a red light but #yyc transit drivers can read a book while stopped at a red light? Wow #doublestandard...
- **@lizannedp:** Short sleeved dress and sandals today! Loving the last days of summer. #yyc
- **@floside:** I'm so happy to be back living in #yyc! #home!
- **@FundraiserBeth:** OMG! over an hour to get through customs & security at #YYC! #readytobehome
- **@jdgSurferGirl:** Autumn begins in #yyc. Is it necessary to use a gas powered leaf blower over a broom for those 5 dropped leaves?? #noisy #wasteful #petpeeve
- **@Polish_Dream:** Summers back for the day in the #yyc! Plus 25? I'll take it!
- **@heymannyg:** Oh the world for a 6.0V power adapter! #yyc

Worth mentioning

Yes, it could happen. But it's a stretch.

Contagion, a Hollywood thriller that opened last weekend, rocketed to No. 1 at the box office through its gripping tale of a fictional global epidemic driven by a new kind of virus. Audiences have gasped in horror at what happens to Gwyneth Paltrow.

Before it was out, the movie made real-life disease investigators anxious, too, though for a different reason: They had worried the filmmakers would take so many artistic liberties with the science that the result would be an incredible movie that was ... not credible.

Well, cue the applause.

"It's very plausible," said Dr. Thomas Frieden, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which would investigate such an outbreak.

A new virus jumping from animals to humans? Nothing fictional about that. Global spread of a disease in a few days? In this age of jet travel, absolutely. A societal meltdown if things get bad? Plan on it.

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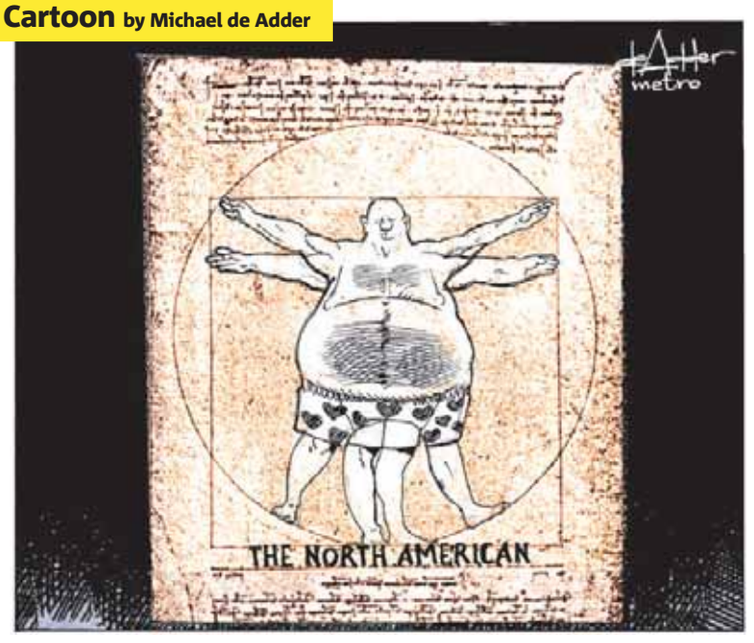
Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

No need to say 'rhymes with China' anymore

Celebrities are gabbing about it openly. A growing number of grooming products cater to it. And a recent TV commercial hails it as "the cradle of life" and "the centre of civilization."

A generation that grew up with more graphic language and sexual images in the media is forgoing the decades-old practice of tiptoeing around female genitalia.

The new freedom to talk about the vagina comes as marketers spend more to get women to buy products for the area.

"Vajazzling" — gluing on sparkly gems such as Swarovski crystals to jazz up a bikini wax — became a phenomenon last year when Jennifer Love Hewitt mentioned it on the former TBS talk show Lopez Tonight.

Bettybeauty Inc. sells pubic hair dye, ranging in colours from black, brown and blonde to hot pink.

Some women are looking to cover grey hair, while others just want a fun colour, the founder says. "When I came out with it, there was this kind of burst of, 'Oh my god, you solved our problem. I didn't realize how much grey hair was down there."

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Synopsis

- Ryan Gosling is Driver, a movie stunt driver/grease monkey by day and get-a-way wheelman by night. Befriending his neighbours Irene (Carey Mulligan) and young son Benicio (Kaden Leos) he makes a deal to drive get-a-way for some criminals to square a debt Irene's husband ran up and safe-guard the mother and child. When the deal goes bad he unwittingly becomes involved in a treacherous situation.
- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ⊕⊕⊕⊕½
  Ned: ⊕⊕⊕⊕⊕

▶ Ryan Gosling puts in a stellar performance in Drive.

A strong, silent type

Ryan Gosling is an intriguing man of few words in the action-packed Drive
Film is a tension-filled, artfully shot escape, with a great soundtrack to boot

Reel Guys

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Metro World News Hollywood Correspondent Ned Ehrbar sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

Richard: Ned, Gosling isn't the easy charmer of Crazy, Stupid, Love, he plays Driver like a coiled spring. There hasn't been a leading man this close-mouthed since Rudolph Valentino was the king of the silent screen. He's a man of very few words, but his silence hints at an active inner life and his actions certainly speak to having a past. It's a brave and strange performance, either emotionally shut down, or simply cool-as-a-cucumber, take your pick.

Ned: Definitely the strong silent type. But I guess if your best friend is a scheming, motor-mouthed deadbeat like Shannon (Bryan Cranston), you learn to keep your mouth shut. The expression Gosling has on his face most of the time seems just as likely to turn in to a smirk or have him burst into tears, making him fascinatingly impossible to read.

But he certainly knows when to put his foot down, so to speak. As electrifying as Gosling's toothpick-chewing Driver is, the performance that impressed me the most was Albert Brooks as former movie producer and current mob boss Bernie Rose. I never thought the sight of the star of Lost in America would fill me with dread, but there you go.

RC: Albert Brooks walks away with the movie in his blood stained hands. Gosling, Mulligan and Bryan Cranston are all great, but the character you remember is the ex-movie producer-turned-gangster Rose.

He delivers what may be the best bad guy line of the year. When Gosling's character refuses to shake his hand because his hands are dirty from working Rose says, "So are mine." Great stuff.

NE: The only real criticism I'd make of Brooks is his performance makes Ron Perlman's character, Rose's less well-spoken partner Nino, stand out for being so conventional. But that's really about the only complaint I can put against the film. Every shot is artfully composed, and the tension-filled sequences of Gosling waiting for his getaway driving gigs to begin will make you reconsider how long you can hold your breath. And the music — I've been listening to the soundtrack every day since it was released last week.

RC: It's funny that a movie that values silence so much — there are l-o-n-g pauses in the dialogue — has such a great soundtrack, but there you go, just another surprising thing about an unconventional but intriguing movie.

2 scene

Scene in brief

A lawsuit accusing Sacha Baron Cohen of causing injuries to a woman during the filming of Bruno should be dismissed. The court said Monday that the finding prevents Baron Cohen from being sued by Richelle Olson, who claims she fell and hit her head moments after struggling with the comedian and his crew as she ordered him to leave a charity bingo game.
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Ryan Gosling calls new flick Drive a violent John Hughes movie.

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▶ Hakuna Matata! The Lion King makes a return to big screens, this time in 3D.

The circle of life

Metro's Chris Alexander takes his son to The Lion King 3D redux
Dark overtones deviate from Disney's recent bubblegum fare

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Disney has gone back into their vaults and dusted off their 1991 classic The Lion King and given it a 3D overhaul, releasing it to screens anew. The film looks and sounds incredible but it's not necessarily the audio/visual razzle dazzle that might strike many parents. Rather, compared to the studio's more recent, considerably sunnier fare like Toy Story, Bolt and Tangled, The Lion King is a much darker affair than you might recall. Something Jack can attest to.

Jack is my 4-and-a-half-year-old son, and I decided to take him along to the press screening, further exemplifying the 'circle of life' theme of the film itself. I vividly recall watching The Lion King as a kid, the last gasp of my childhood before adolescence consumed me whole and "cartoons" ceased to have appeal. So sitting in that darkened theatre, Jack by my side, was surreal and rather lyrical, both of us humbled before massive projected 3D images of illustrated African savannah, tumbling fauna, stoic royal felines and red eyed predators. Jack was rightfully awed…but also more than a little bit upset.

Maybe it was the core story, a familiar early Disney cocktail (think Bambi and Dumbo) that taps into the primal fear of losing a parent but couples it with the shock of murder, deceit, child abuse and the visceral jolts of slavering hyenas who eat everything in sight. It is a cuddlier Hamlet after all, something I obviously never noticed as a kid, and it has all the broad dramatic, Shakespearean strokes intact but with the added element of toothy lion battles to the death…

▶ Chris Alexander and son Jack

There's no denying that The Lion King is every single inch a masterpiece. It's a flawless animated triumph of warm, hand drawn cell animation that is handsomely goosed by the added depth of this new 3D conversion. It's bold and brave, teaching kids lessons about the darkness of living while celebrating hope and optimism. It's a real movie, not watered down fodder designed to sell hamburgers.

Still, parents of young children should be warned and reminded...this ain't Mickey Mouse Clubhouse.

"I loved it", Jack said to me after lights went up. "But it was too sad when Simba's daddy died. And it was also a little bit scary ... and there were too many skeletons ..."

Stars square off in Killer Elite

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In their new film, Killer Elite, British stars Jason Statham and Clive Owen go head to head in a tough-guy showdown many movie fans have been hoping to see for years. It's all supposedly true and based on the accounts of ex-army officer Ranulph Fiennes (third cousin of Ralph and Joseph). So what was it like for Statham and Owen to finally face off? Why don't we let them tell you.

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▶ Jason Statham

JASON STATHAM: Fancy film star Clive Owen has met his match.

Going up against Clive Owen: That's a good day at the office, right? Yeah, he's a real intense individual. He takes his work very seriously. The whole movie sets itself up where we never, ever come face to face. It's like this cat-and-mouse game. I don't want to be doing what I'm doing, I don't want to see this guy, I want to get in and out, get the situation taken care of it and get out, and he's just got to be the man to stop that happening. So when he gets a hold of me, it's a bit of an intense situation. We made it really, really real and gritty and very rough around the edges, and it just paid off.

We both have a lot of different sort of films behind our backs, and he's got such great respect and such great critical acclaim. You know, I've done stuff that's appealing to a different audience, and hopefully we'll get the two to come together.

CLIVE OWEN: I will kill Jason Statham with kindness.

Going up against Jason Statham: It's actually a pleasure doing those big fight scenes with someone like Jason because he's so experienced. He's technically really gifted and really good at them. You know, I'm pretty good technically with those fights. I've done quite a bit of them myself. You can really commit, but you know that there's an understanding and an element of safety.

There is a moral ambiguity in that [Killer Elite] is not about good guys and bad guys. When they do come together, obviously you want to see a bit of fireworks.

[Real tough guys] are much more low-key than you would think. They don't strut around, they don't act tough. They just are, and they're very quiet about it.

So, who would win in a fight?

OWEN: Jason.

STATHAM: We'd rather get drunk together. I don't know about beating each other up.

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I Don't Know How She Does It

Genre: Comedy
Director: Douglas McGrath
Stars: Sarah Jessica Parker, Greg Kinnear, Olivia Munn, Christina Hendricks, Pierce Brosnan

Screenwriter Aline Brosh McKenna is like the McDonald's of female friendly rom-coms. She churns 'em out good and regular and the meals always taste about the same. They go down easy and leave you greasy. But in this rom-com factory, sometimes the deep-fryer's not working just right and you're left with the tepid mush that all these films really are. This is a film based on the book by the same name, written by Allison Pearson. By most accounts it was a palatable story about a hard-working mom whose demanding job sometimes puts her at odds with mommy duties. Translated to 90 minute short-hand, it becomes a screechy, silly caricature that leaves little room for subtlety.

HEIDI PATALANO

Straw Dogs

Genre: Action
Director: Rod Lurie
Stars: James Marsden, Kate Bosworth, Alexander Skarsgaard

There are a lot of remakes out there that never should've happened. However, Straw Dogs won't fall under that category. Although in its new incarnation, it will be demoted from the classic status that the original 1971 version had, this pulpier take poses a strong argument for being relevant, at least for two weeks in the box office. James Marsden and Kate Bosworth play arrogant, Hollywood ex-pats hoping to enjoy some peace while renovating a house and barn where the wife (Bosworth) grew up in Blackwater, Miss. Aleksander Skarsgaard plays a polite but mildly threatening ex-boyfriend who is contracted to rebuild their roof. As the L.A. couple's very un-Southern ways grate on the locals, something sinister begins to encroach on their once-happy marriage.

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Final Destination 5 (18A) Fri-Thu 10
Friends With Benefits (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:45-7:10-9:45
Green Lantern (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:55-7:20-9:55
The Hangover Part II (18A) Fri-Thu 10
Kung Fu Panda 2 (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:45-6:45
Larry Crowne (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-7:15-9:50
Mr. Popper's Penguins (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:20-7:05
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:35-6:35-9:30
Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:15-8:30
The Tree of Life (PG) Fri-Thu 9:35
Zookeeper (STC) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:15-6:55

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Drive (18A) Fri-Thu 2:15-4:50-7:50-10:20
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2: 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 12:55-3:55-6:55-10 Wed 1-3:55-6:55-10 Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-10
The Help (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:55-10:05
I Don't Know How She Does It (STC) Fri-Tue 1:45-4:10-7:30-10:15 Wed 4:10-7:30-10:15 Thu 1:45-4:10-7:30-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Lion King (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:40
The Lion King 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 3:55-7:05-9:15
Our Idiot Brother (14A) Fri-Tue 2:10-4:20-7:40-10:25 Wed 4:10-7:40-10:25 Thu 2:10-4:10-7:40-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:05-7:15-9:55
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Warrior (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7-10

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Show me the money

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▶ Moneyball, starring Brad Pitt, had a false start the first time around.

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The journey of Moneyball from a best-selling book to screen is nearly as dramatic as the story it tells, about Oakland Athletics' GM Billy Beane's use of unorthodox scouting techniques to put together a winning team on a shoestring budget. Before star Brad Pitt could step in front of the camera as Beane, he first had to deal with the dismissal of director Steven Soderbergh, whose version of the film made the studio nervous enough to halt production. Enter director Bennett Miller (Capote) — plus a rewrite by Aaron Sorkin (the Social Network) — and things were soon underway again. Here, Miller gives Metro a step-by-step guide on how to restart a project.

STEP 1: IGNORE THE PAST

There's this whole backstory which I was oblivious to as it was happening. You know, I didn't really know anything until all of that went down.

STEP 2: BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME

My perspective was that I was struggling to get another movie made and finally had to concede that it was not going to happen. The timing of that coincided with the opening up of this opportunity.

STEP 3: FIND YOUR ANGLE

I read everything there was to read about it and turned it over in my head and saw what would be my way into it. It's the dual track of this character, this story of a guy who's trying to win baseball games, who's just extremely competitive and desperate to do a very difficult thing, which is to win a championship with a third of the money as the rich teams. But more interesting to me was what was happening beneath that. That there's a character who's being driven by some personal, private issues that maybe nobody else in the story understands, meaning this is a person whose life didn't turn out the way he had expected it to. It becomes a story about a guy who later in life chooses to be ruthlessly honest and questioning of everything in some kind of search for redemption.

STEP 4: MEET BRAD PITT

I flew to L.A. and met with Brad, and we sat and had a long conversation about how to make the movie. At that point, I don't think anybody ever looked back.

STEP 5: DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE SCRIPT

The book reports on [Beane's backstory] with a kind of detail that no movie could possibly cover just because it's a book. So the way that we ultimately treated that stuff was invented very late and grew from a lot of improvisation. Most of those scouts were real scouts. The guys in the flashback who scout young Billy are both real scouts — one of which actually did scout Billy Beane back in 1979. That scene was 100 per cent improvised.

STEP 6: UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF LIFE

The line from the movie that comes to mind is, "It's an unfair game." And life's unfair, and that's the truth. It's just unfair. And how do you deal with that information? How do you manage that? It just seems to always go that way, like you really have to bust some heads to get anywhere sometimes.

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Going for broke

Beth Behrs and Kat Dennings: Two budding stars ready to rock new sitcom 2 Broke Girls premieres Monday on Citytv and CBS

As their interview takes place in late July, Beth Behrs and Kat Dennings can count a grand total of one week spent working together.

That was when they filmed the pilot for 2 Broke Girls — and that was in April.

But joining a reporter for breakfast at Mel's Drive-in, a Valley landmark, they share laughs and a chemistry that seems years in the making — just as they do on their sassy new comedy as struggling waitresses at a Brooklyn greasy spoon.

While waiting for production to resume in early August, they solidified their friendship.

Kat: "We've been checking in with each other every few days."

Beth: "I'll randomly text Kat about something I'm watching on TV in the middle of the night: 'You need to see this!'"

Kat: "Like, Extreme Makeover did WHAT?!'"

Orders are taken. Kat calls for wheat toast and, more urgently, a cup of joe.

"Nectar!" she rejoices when the coffee arrives. "And it's not bad."

"I like diner coffee," Beth agrees as her cellphone sounds off.

"Oh, gee," she sighs after checking the number displayed.

"This guy has been calling me all morning. I don't say my name on my message, so maybe he thinks I'm someone else. He keeps leaving these intense, long messages."

"Let me do it, let me do it!" says Kat, eagerly snatching the phone and, in the guttural tone of a longshoreman, growling into it: "WHAT!!! Who IS this? WRONG number! NEVER call again!!!"

They both dissolve into laughter. "That makes me SO happy!" Kat giggles.

On 2 Broke Girls, their characters will form a similar bond. But not instantly. First, they have to size each other up.

Kat plays sarcastic, street-wise Max Black, who, to make ends meet, must work two jobs, one of which is the night shift at the downtrodden Williamsburg Diner.

Beth plays chic Caroline Channing, whose ritzy Upper East Side lifestyle has abruptly come undone after her money-manager father got busted for financial shenanigans.

Like Max, Caroline is now broke, too, and is seeking refuge at the diner waitressing alongside Max, who warily receives her not only as a co-worker but as a flat-mate, too.

So not only is 2 Broke Girls a buddy comedy, it's also a fish-out-of-water sitcom, with Caroline the Brooklyn-beached fish.

In playing their roles, they both speak of trying to avoid stereotypes.

"Caroline is a girl who used to walk out of her New York highrise with a car waiting and someone there to hand her a Starbucks," says Beth. "For me to play her, I had to find the entitlement without being a bitch."

"Caroline's really sweet and innocent and adorable," Kat declares. "I think that's a fresh approach."

"And she's smart," Beth adds. "She went to Wharton business school. I don't think Max would have taken to her if she weren't smart."

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▶ Kat Dennings, left, and Beth Behrs in a scene from the comedy series 2 broke Girls.

Strong writing

The dialogue is snappy, befitting the show's topflight creative team.

▶ Michael Patrick King (Sex and the City) and Whitney Cummings (TV's comedy "It" girl) are the writers.

"Max is more and more impressed with Caroline as she gets to know her," Kat agrees.

"And because Max takes a liking to Caroline, it shows she's more than a tough cookie," says Beth.

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TV Picks

HANDOUT

▶ Sarah Michelle Gellar

Gellar's new gig

TWO ROLES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE. If you missed the premiere of Sarah Michelle Gellar's new series Ringer on the American CW network earlier this week, you can catch the Canadian premiere Friday.

Gellar, beloved for her starring role in TV's Buffy the Vampire Slayer, plays twin sisters Bridget and Siobhan.

As the two try to repair their rocky past, Siobhan mysteriously disappears and Bridget assumes her identity. (Global)

Linked for life

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE? Prisoners who've committed crimes come face-to-face with their victims in the new docu-series Confronting.

Airing Friday, cameras take viewers inside the mediation process as a victim and offender discuss the terrible event that links them. (OWN)

Turn on the waterworks

FEELING THE LOVE. CMT Canada may make many viewers cry Friday with two new series.

First there's Coming Home, in which military families reunite with their loved ones who've been stationed overseas.

In this premiere, a sailor returns home early and surprises his wife with the dream wedding she never had.

Then Canadian country music artist Paul Brandt hosts Build It Forward, in which seven impoverished families receive new homes through donations and volunteers.

They then "build it forward" by helping out in their own community to build homes for others in need. (CMT Canada)

Battle of the Blades breaks new ground

FEMALE HOCKEY PLAYER IN THE MIX. A new batch of hockey stars try to put some grace into their hulking skating forms in the third season of the hit series Battle of the Blades, airing Sunday.

This season, for the first time, a female hockey player joins the ranks of the NHL veterans: Tessa Bonhomme, an Olympic gold medallist and member of the Canadian National Women's Hockey Team.

She'll skate with Olympic skating champion David Pelletier. Battle creators have said the show will go on despite the recent death of former Maple Leaf Wade Belak, who was slated to participate. (CBC)

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Glee star gets Emmy-ready

Jane Lynch is hosting this year's award show — and freaking out just a little Emmys air Sunday on CTV

Jane Lynch is no longer losing sleep over her Emmy hosting duties.

"I'm OK," the Glee star affirmed with a smile on Wednesday morning after rolling out the red carpet in front of the Nokia Theater in downtown Los Angeles.

"I actually slept OK last night for the first time in about a week. I've been having some anxiety issues."

Lynch has been hard at work backstage on the show with longtime pals Jill and Faith Soloway from Chicago. The trio previously worked together on Annoyance Theater's The Real Live Brady Bunch in the 1990s. (Lynch played matriarch Carol Brady.)

The first-time host promised that the Chi-Town ladies would bring "kind of a Chicago feel" to Sunday's 63rd annual Primetime Emmy Awards.

"Jane is certainly going to be central to our experience," said Academy of Television Arts and Sciences chairman John Shaffner.

"I think the host of a program like this is the best friend who sits on the sofa and tells you great stories as the evening goes on and comments on the work. She's here to keep us engaged in that way as a best friend." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Her hardware

Jane Lynch has won an Emmy and a Golden Globe for her performance as Sue Sylvester on Glee.

The actress is up for another Emmy this year.

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▶ Actress Jane Lynch speaks on Wednesday before the rollout of the red carpet for the 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles.

A Big Mac attack

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The new season of It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia premiered in America this week, and there was something different about the character of Mac.

He's more like a Big Mac. Creator/star Rob McElhenney packed on a whopping 50 pounds for Season 7 — all in the name of art.

Inspired by the actors in "a very popular sitcom" getting "new hair and new teeth" as seasons progressed, McElhenney decided to take the founding ethos of Sunny one step further.

Or, one giant leap beyond common sense.

"I always thought that what we were trying to do with Sunny is a sort of deconstruction of the sitcom," he says. "So instead of making the characters as likeable as possible, we've always tried to make them as unlikeable as possible. I thought maybe the same could be done with the aesthetics. … I tried to look as ugly as possible, basically."

In real life, McElhenney got advice from Philadelphia Phillies baseball star Chase Utley, who has appeared on the show.

He mentioned that he works with a sports nutritionist whose specialty is bulking up linemen.

The actor soon signed up for a similar weight gain plan that required serious discipline.

"You need to eat about 5,000 calories a day to put on that kind of weight," he says. "Over the course of five months I ate ... five meals [per day] at 1,000 calories each."

Give McDonald's a producer's credit.

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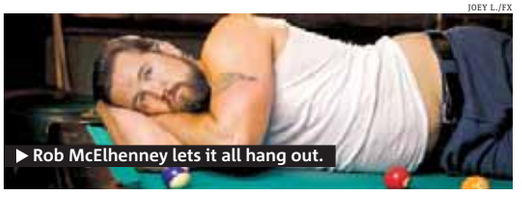

▶ Rob McElhenney lets it all hang out.

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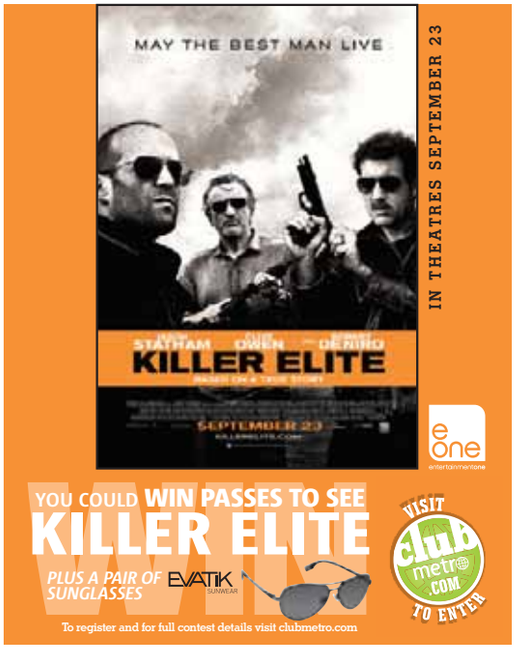

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Different continent, same old Jersey drama

- Sammi and Vinny dish on the remainder of Jersey Shore's latest season
- Expect more fights, more smooshing, but less Sammi & Ronnie antics

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▶ The cast of the wildly popular MTV show Jersey Shore in Italy.

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You can take the crew out of Jersey, but you can't take the Jersey out of the crew. Season four of MTV's Jersey Shore is now in full swing, with the cast tearing up the streets of Florence, Italy. As usual, there's plenty of drama, and castmate Vinny Guadagnino promises that it's only just begun.

"It's been pretty bananas so far [and] it's gonna continue on like that," he tells Metro. "But at the same time, you're gonna see us connect with Italy more."

His fellow castmate Sammi "Sweetheart" Giancola, whose love life with bad boy Ronnie Ortiz-Magro has been a focal point of the series, is just glad to have less of a hand in this season's commotion.

"All the drama's gonna be primarily off me and with some other people you wouldn't really expect to see drama," she says. "Now, everybody can see me in a different way."

When these two aren't stirring up drama, though, they're keeping plenty busy on their side projects, and both strive to help their fans stay fresh to death. Vinny is the spokesman for Philips Norelco DIY Hair Clipper Pro, and Sammi has her own perfume, Dangerous.

"I pick my brands like I pick my women: I like quality," Vinny laughs, adding he could get behind the clippers because he's a big proponent of a fresh haircut — he hits the barber every five days!

"I have really thick Sicilian hair and if it grows in, it just turns into a big fro. I kinda look like a young Michael Jackson. People think if you have long hair you've gotta [maintain] it — no, if you have short hair, all you have is the fade and once that grows in, you need a haircut."

Sammi, who says her perfume is "light and airy" and has notes of vanilla and almond, was hands-on with the production of the fragrance, noting that "it was something that I thought represented me and that's why I put my name on it."

But does her focus on her fragrance mean that things have cooled between she and Ronnie? Not in the least bit.

"Me and Ronnie, we're actually doing great," she says. "We're still together and everything's going really really well."

Sammi and Vinny's last words

▶ Sammi and Ronnie, still going strong.

Who's the sloppiest?
Vinny: Mike. His sink in Italy looked like a swamp.

Sammi: Mike is disgusting. Nicole's messy with her clothes, but Mike is just legit messy in general. Literally, he clogs all the sink drains because he just had so much face wash and crap everywhere that he just never cleaned up after himself.

Who cooks the best?
Vinny: You know, I would kind of have to give that to myself. Even though I'm not always the one cooking, when I make steaks and burgers or whatever — I know that's not hard things — but they all taste good and they're more quality.

Sammi: Vinny just grills food. Mike cooks alright. I think we all can cook in our own way.

Who uses the most gel?
Vinny: You know the answer to that.

Pauly?
Vinny: Yeah. He uses the most hair gel in America.

Who's the biggest packrat?
Vinny: Mike. He had like 20 little bags with him to go to Italy, instead of like three big bags. He's crazy.

Is he a diva?
Vinny: (Laughs) Yeah, but I think he's always been like that. That's what made him who he is.

Sammi: Mike and Nicole had like 20 bags with them in Italy [but] I think Mike takes the cake on that one.

Who do you think brings home the most people to smoosh?
Vinny: That kinda changes. I'm not gonna lie. During Season three me and Pauly were bringing home a lot of people. I kinda took a chill pill with that this season. That's a hard question because it would probably be between me, Mike and Pauly — it kinda changes. Why don't you just include us as a whole right there: MVP takes home the most girls.

Sammi: Pauly and Vinny. Pauly definitely smooshes grenades every day.

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Lifehouse trys to 'cleanse the palate'

Metro recently spoke to singer Jason Wade Band wants to be fresh

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Jason Wade, singer of Lifehouse, performs in New York City earlier this summer.

Los Angeles-based group Lifehouse burst onto the scene in 2001 with Hanging By A Moment, the first single off their debut album No Name Face, and since then, they've recorded four more albums and have another in the works.

We spoke to lead singer Jason Wade about his writing process, the new album and how he's spending his off-stage time in Beantown.

So how has your sound changed since your earlier material?
We have gone through a lot of transition. The last album, I did quite a bit more co-writing. In the early days I wrote predominately by myself, so I have been going through a transition over last two or three years learning how to co-write a little bit more, but now we're back in the studio doing demos and I am starting to write by myself quite a bit more.

And that can be tiring and wearing on you as well. You always feel that you are just bleeding on this canvas for everybody to analyze, so it was refreshing not using my own relationships for the world to see.

What's your song-writing process like?
It is different every time for me and it is still evolving over the years. I will start with the melody sometimes and I will wait for the lyrics to come to me. Sometimes I will wake up in the middle of the night with a lyric idea.

I am always trying to stay sensitive when that inspiration hits, because I find when I try to just sit down and write a song it doesn't really happen.

I feel like we are at that point in our career where we've written so many songs that we have to trick (ourselves) and I am trying to write more on the bass and the piano just to try to get outside of my own little tricks that I have learned over the years.

How's the new record coming along?
It is going good. We are just in the process now of doing demos and I am transitioning into writing more by myself and channelling some of the earlier Lifehouse music. I really don't want to put too much pressure on it and rush it and just make a record like our previous albums just because they did well.

I really want to make sure that what we are doing is inspired and fresh. I am just trying to cleanse the palate and start over and pretend like it is just our first album.

How do you like Boston?
I just think it is an awesome city. I think it was 2004, 2005 when we were still playing smaller clubs, and there was this club called the Avalon (that) had the most amazing energy. Out of all the shows, that crowd just carried the show. We've had an opportunity to have a couple days off and just walking around the city, it just has so much history to it. And I am a big Celtics fan.

How have you been spending your downtime here?
We have been doing all these baseball games — and I had to throw the first pitch in Cleveland a little while ago — so all of us are into baseball right now. We will all go out to the amphitheatre and play some catch.

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Debbie Harry and Blondie move forward

Band has new album out this month Set for fall tour

Few would call Debbie Harry a geek, but the gorgeous Blondie singer has no problem with technology.

In fact, she's always embraced electronic innovation.

"That's part of our business, really," Harry said.

"We rely on technology to produce our music and perform concerts. A lot of our instruments are tied to computer or synthesizer technology.

"The change from analog to digital, that was a big change. But it's sort of more natural in a way; it's the way the brain actually operates, instead of the old mechanical way. I don't feel like a Luddite in any way."

Personal evolution is important, too; so the band's fall tour is not about revisiting their splendid hit songs like Heart of Glass or Dreaming.

The New York City-based new wave pop veterans' new album, Panic of Girls, is out this month to add new sounds.

"I think that's the best part of it," Harry says of recording a new album.

"We are in a very cushy position, because we are well known. But going around playing the older hits and everything wouldn't be, oh, I don't know … it just wouldn't be as inspiring or interesting as trying to make new music.

"Let's face it: As our lives change, our experiences change and our insights improve. It's more relevant to sing or talk about things that are happening today.

"The world is changing so quickly. The difference in communications since the Internet came into being — the world is so different now and we're a part of it."

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On the web

- Panic of Girls is exclusively available through Amazon. Debbie Harry explains the partnership:
- "Because we're independent, we don't have any distribution — so it's an ideal situation for us. On a personal level, I've been dealing with Amazon as a consumer for a long time. Anytime I've gotten anything from Amazon, it's been quick and painless."

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▶ Debbie Harry

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SOUND CHECK

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BEIJING, China — When you're deep in the bowels of economy class, a 12-hour flight across the Pacific is not pleasant.

I was about five hours out of San Francisco when the hallucinations kicked in. As deep vein thrombosis clotted my blood and the Brazilian sleeping pill did something other than put me to sleep, I ended up conducting a question-and-answer session with myself. Here's what I remember.

I don't remember seeing any CD shelving in the 2012 IKEA catalogue. No more Benno shelves or Ivar racks? What does that mean?
Well, at least they still sell things that look like milk crates.

Why do people keep giving money to Madonna to direct films?
Given the reviews of W.E., they won't anymore.

Best go back to fulfilling the obligations of that $120-million deal with Live Nation.

Time to go on the road again, dear.

Hasn't anyone had enough of U2 by now?
After a less-than-successful album, a two-year world tour and a documentary at TIFF, all that's left for 2011 is a reissue of Achtung Baby.

There may be four albums' worth of material in the works, but they really need to go away to dream things up again.

Who's buying all those Adele albums? I mean, she's sold 10 million copies of 21.
Lots of different people — and not just those who pick up their music from the counter of Starbucks or at Wal-Mart.

This is a rare album that has become a genuine phenomenon based solely on the quality of the music.

Why haven't there been more songs written about 9-11? I mean, that was a defining moment for so many things.
Other than The Rising by Bruce Springsteen, Let's Roll from Neil Young and a couple of country songs, the events of that day haven't really been captured in song. The trauma may have been too great.

Aren't people tired of hearing Gary Glitter's Rock and Roll, Part 2 at sporting events? And Crazy Train? And Are You Ready for This?
Note to self: write a column on new songs for stadia.

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▶ Madonna

What the DJ says

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▶ Joe Bermudez

Joe Bermudez is a DJ of all trades.

His remix of Britney Spears' I Wanna Go topped the Billboard Dance/Club chart late last month. He also produces a weekly radio show for XM satellite radio that you can download at massmovementradio.com.

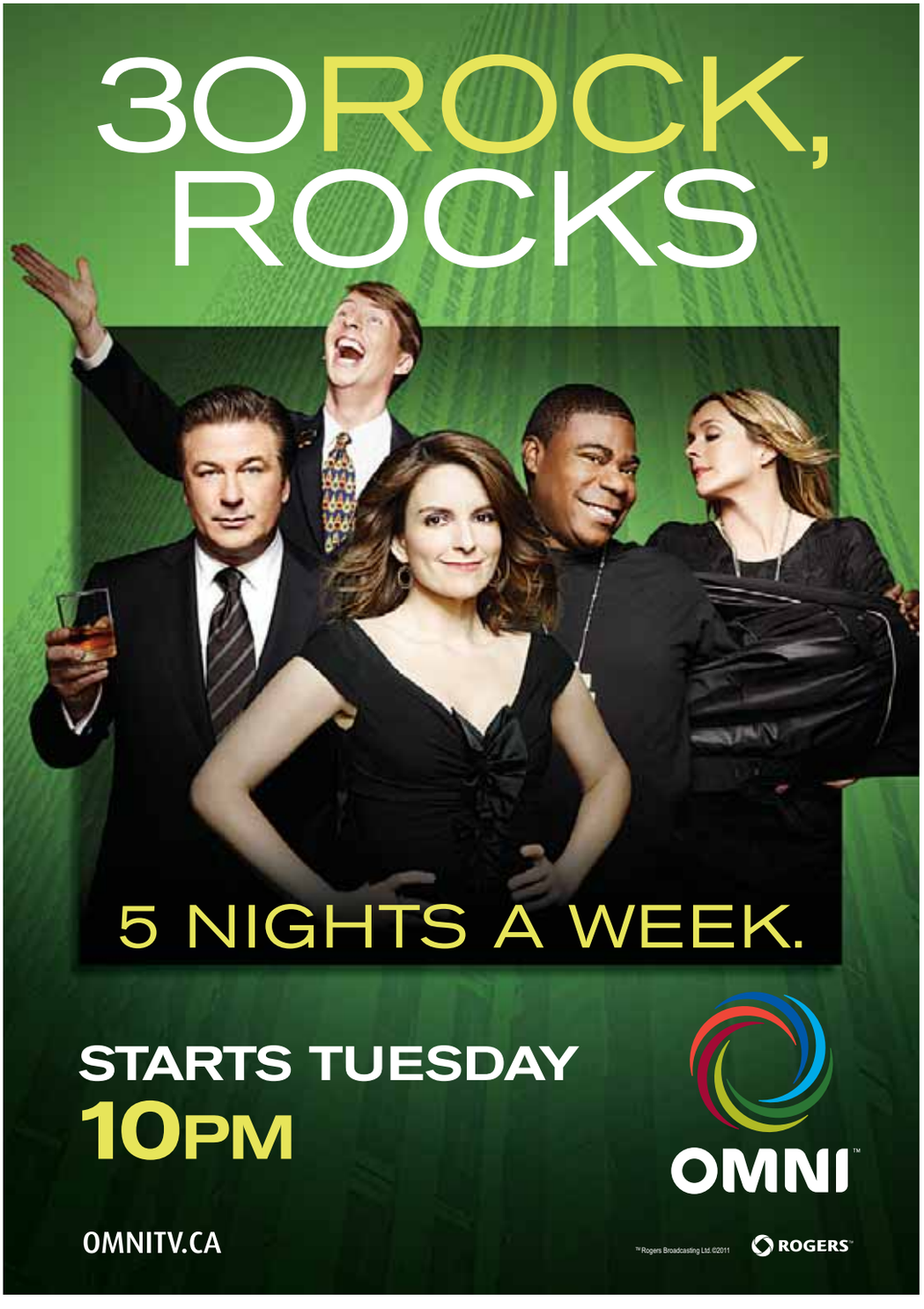
We got Bermudez to say a few words about the tracks that really get the crowds jumping when he's working the clubs.

Party Rock Anthem by LMFAO
Without a doubt the biggest dance record of the year. From the radio to the club to even a Kia commercial, there is just no escaping this one. No matter where I am, it is the one track that never fails to rock the house.

Save The World by Swedish House Mafia
Individually Axwell, Angello and Ingrosso are pretty huge, so combine those talents and you are going to get a track that is sonically massive. ... I've had some pretty epic moments while playing this record.

Levels by Avicii
This Swedish producer has a really nice buzz about him and for good reason. His uplifting chord progressions instantly transport club goers to a euphoric state.

Live Those Days Tonight by Friendly Fires
It's probably my favourite remix of the summer. Every time I hear it, I personally get fired up. When I play this record, you know it's go time!



Jay-Z has 99 problems and his children are one

Rapper reportedly paid former lover to not disclose he fathered her child

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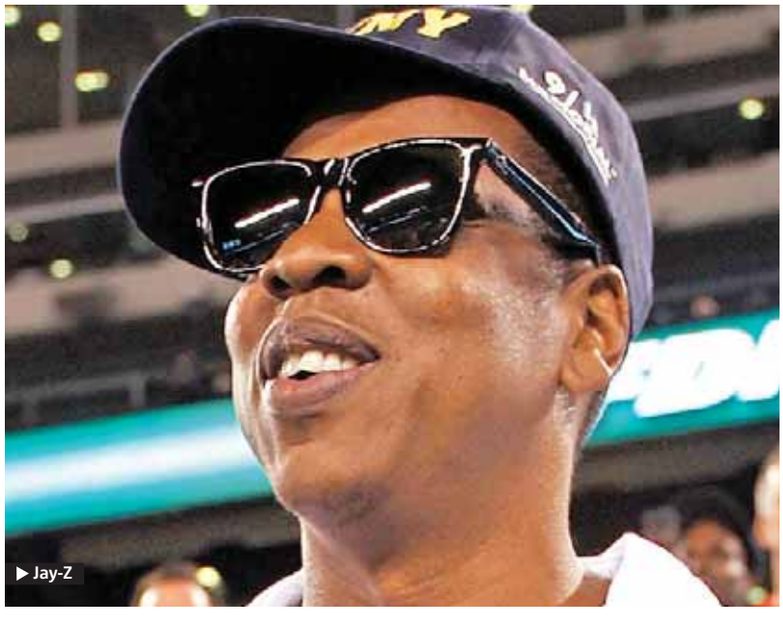
▶ Jay-Z

Jay-Z is happily expecting a child with wife Beyoncé, but it may not be his first.

Star magazine is reporting that the 41-year-old hip-hop icon fathered a love child with model Shenelle Scott nine years ago, before he and Beyoncé were an item.

Jerard Andrews, the father of the man who was previously believed to be the child's father, says DNA tests have concluded Jay-Z's paternity.

"Shenelle told me that Jay-Z gave her $1 million to keep her mouth shut. My understanding is that he's paying her child support," Andrews says. "Shenelle took the money and bought herself a really nice house in Trinidad that the whole family lives in now."

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FBI looking into hacked cell

The FBI is reportedly on the case of who hacked Scarlett Johansson's phone and leaked nude photos of the actress online, according to Fox News.

The photos surfaced online this week, and TMZ reports that Johansson made the request for the FBI investigation herself.

The Feds are reportedly already investigating more than 50 other cases of celebrity phone and e-mail hacking.

Johansson's lawyers have been furiously sending removal notices to any websites posting the images.

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▶ Scarlett Johansson

Talking points

A-Rod and Diaz break things off again

NOT WORKING BECAUSE SHE'S WORKING. The on-again off-again relationship between Cameron Diaz and Yankees star Alex Rodriguez is reportedly off again.

"They broke up recently," a source close to the couple tells Us Weekly. "They're still very friendly and like each other. He has an enormous amount of respect for her."

As it turns out, work got in the way this time.

"She's very busy with her career," the source says. "And he's had injuries and wants to focus on his game. They're dedicated professionals."

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Charlie Sheen back on track

WHICH MEANS HE'S NOT SMOKING CRACK ANYMORE After a roller coaster of a year, Charlie Sheen is back on solid ground, he insists in an interview with the Today show's Matt Lauer.

Sheen's current mental state is "a lot calmer. It's a lot mellower," he says. "I don't really know what happened. It was one of those things where the planets were aligned, perfectly or imperfectly. I said some stuff and then it caught such traction globally and instantly that I couldn't really put out the fire." Sheen also insists he's clean and sober sober, though he can't say for sure when he last indulged in drink or drugs.

"I don't really keep track of the time. It's been awhile," he says.

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Celebrity tweets

@JuddApatow

"Follow @LeslieJ-Mann. I got her addicted to twitter so now she can't complain about my horrifying addiction. She has been co-opted! I win!"

@ActuallyNPH

"Things I dig: state fairs. Just went to the NM one. Petting zoos, lemonade, carnies and deep fried peanut butter cups"

@katyperry

"I don't if it's the drinks or the chlorine water but mom's ready for a cat nap!"

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"Did the NY Post just threaten to do a negative piece on someone close to me bc I outed them 4 harassing me at my home on 9-11?"

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Honouring Star Wars

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I remember when I saw Star Wars. I was a kid on vacation with my parents and we went to a theatre in Brewer, Maine to witness what would arguably become the biggest revenue generating stream in movie history. This walk down memory lane is brought to you by today's release of the Blue-ray versions of all six Star Wars movies. I need them like I need another corkscrew, but giving George Lucas money is an addiction I just can't seem to kick.

Even though Darth Vader is only a child with poor acting skills in The Phantom Menace, I've chosen a brooding wine to supplement my pursuit of this ultimate version of what I've already seen a hundred times.

Chile is cabernet country and the Viña Errázuriz 2009 Max Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon ($16.85 - $19.99) is powerful for the price, packing a youthful punch of deep berry fruit, smoky oak and chewy tannins. It's great with steak and its flavour force stays with you. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Originating in India, this condiment can be used to spice up bland dishes or sweeten hotter ones ◗ Apple & Sweet Pepper Chutney is ideal for fall

Chutney brings food to life

Many may not realize how international their daily meals are. Ketchup was developed from a Chinese sauce but got its name in Malaysia. Mustard began with the Romans but assumed its present form in France. Add to that list chutney, a condiment Europeans discovered in India that has become popular worldwide.

It usually consists of chopped fruits, vinegar, spices and sugar cooked into a chunky spread. Non-sweet vegetables such as peppers, onion and garlic can also be added. Common spices used include ginger, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, allspice and cardamom. It can be hot and spicy or sweet and sour.

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▶ This recipe makes 250 ml (1 cup) of Apple and Sweet Pepper Chutney.

Apple and Sweet Pepper Chutney

Fall is the perfect time to make this chutney, which is a delicious sweet-savoury complement for cheeses and meats such as chicken or pork.

Preparation:

1. In Dutch oven, combine apples, onions, red and yellow peppers, garlic, salt, cloves and hot pepper flakes. Stir in sugar and vinegar. Bring to a boil over high heat, stirring often. Reduce heat and boil gently for 30 minutes, stirring often.
2. Stir in currants. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes or until thickened, stir often. Ladle into sterilized canning jars to within 1 cm (1/2 inch) of rim. Top with prepared new sealer lids. Apply jar rings just until fingertip tight. Wipe jars if necessary. Place in boiling water, with tops covered by at least 2.5 cm (1 inch) water. Boil for 10 minutes. Remove to drain.
3. Lids will vacuum seal as they cool. Test lids by pressing in centre (will not move). Do not retighten lids. Store any unsealed jars in refrigerator and use within 1 month. Keep sealed jars in cool place. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ FOODLAND ONTARIO**

Ingredients:

- 1.75 l (7 cups) chopped peeled apples (McIntosh, Golden Delicious, Empire)
- 500 ml (2 cups) chopped onions
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) each diced sweet red and yellow peppers
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) cloves
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) crushed hot red pepper flakes
- 500 ml (2 cups) [packed brown sugar
- 250 ml (1 cup) apple cider vinegar
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) currants

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By name

Sarah B. Hood, author of We Sure Can! How Jams and Pickles are Reviving the Lure and Lore of Local Foods, breaks down some definitions.

Chutney: Fairly thick sauce made from fruits, veggies, sugar, vinegar and spices.

Pickle: A catch-all term for almost all food preserved in a vinegar and salt brine.

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There's more to lamb than just those chops

Warm up with an Irish Stew as the weather grows cold • Lamb tenderloin is great on skewers with unique salsa of blueberries & zucchini

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▶ This recipe serves six.

This is a traditional Irish stew gone to the slow cooker for ease of preparation while the family is away at school and work.

Chunky potatoes fill this hearty stew that will warm you up on a cold night.

Look for cheaper cuts of lamb for stews like shanks and shoulder or leg chops that are meaty and flavourful.

Preparation:

1. Sprinkle both sides of lamb chops with half of the salt and pepper. Brown lamb all over, in batches, in skillet over medium high heat. Place in slow cooker. Add water to skillet and bring to boil scraping up brown bits. Pour liquid into slow cooker.
2. Return skillet to medium heat and cook onions, carrots, parsley, thyme and remaining salt and pepper for about 8 minutes or until softened and beginning to turn golden. Scrape into slow cooker. Add stock and potatoes. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours or until lamb is tender and easily pulls away from the bone.
3. In small bowl, mash together butter and flour until well combined. Uncover slow cooker and stir butter mixture into stew and cook on high for 20 minutes or until slightly thickened.

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Ingredients:

- 3 lbs (1.5 kg) lamb leg or shoulder chops
- 1 tsp (5 mL) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) pepper
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) water
- 3 onions, chopped
- 2 large carrots, chopped
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) dried thyme
- 2 cups (500 mL) beef or chicken stock
- 2 1/2 lbs (1.25 kg) round or long Ontario potatoes (about 8), peeled and cubed
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) butter, softened
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) all purpose flour

Lamb Skewers

Preparation:

1. Salsa: In a small skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat and cook zucchini for 1 minute or until beginning to turn golden. Add wild blueberries and sugar; cook to heat through. Stir in salt and cayenne pepper; let cool.
2. Cut tenderloins into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces and place in a bowl. Drizzle with oil, salt and pepper and toss to coat well. Skewer lamb pieces on small skewers; set aside.
3. Heat a non-stick skillet over medium-high heat and cook skewers, turning once, for about 3 minutes or until desired doneness. Serve with salsa.

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Ingredients:

Lamb Skewers
- 2 lamb tenderloins (about 250 g/8 oz total)
- 10 ml (2 tsp) olive oil
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Wild Blueberry Zucchini Salsa
- 5 ml (1 tsp) olive oil
- 1 small zucchini, finely diced
- 300 ml (1 1/4 cups) frozen wild blueberries
- 10 ml (2 tsp) packed brown sugar
- Pinch each salt and cayenne pepper

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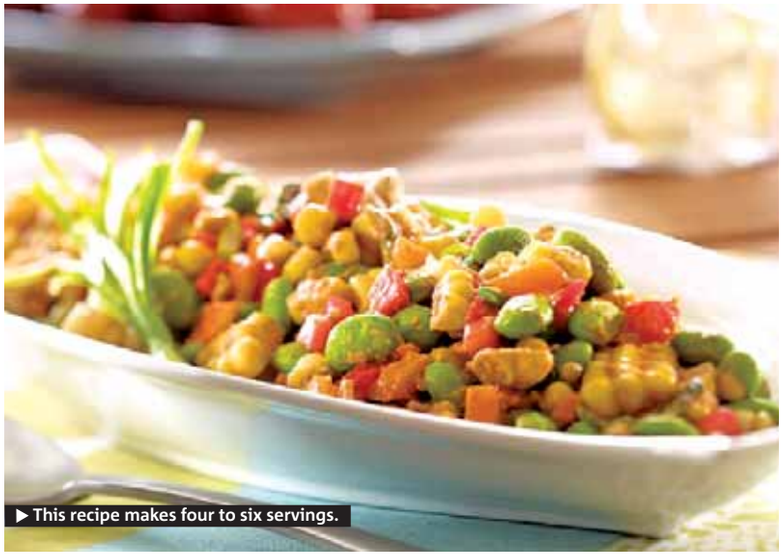

▶ This recipe makes four to six servings.

This salad has many components to fast become a family favourite: beautiful colour, satisfying walnut crunch and a delicious sweet dressing.

The salad can be made a day ahead and combined with the dressing just before serving. To easily cut corn from the cob, break the cooked cob in half, hold it upright and, using a sharp knife, cut along the cob to separate the kernels. Repeat the method with remaining half.

Preparation:

1. Toasting walnuts: In a large dry skillet over medium-high heat, toast walnuts, stirring occasionally until lightly brown, 2 minutes.
2. Dressing: Blend walnuts, olive oil, garlic, miso paste, vinegar, honey and water in a blender or with an immersion blender until smooth; set aside.
3. In saucepan, bring 750 ml (3 cups) of water to a boil and add edamame. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water and place in a large bowl. Add corn, peppers, onions and dressing. Mix well and season to taste. Serve.

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Ingredients:

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) walnut halves, toasted
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 1 clove garlic
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) miso paste
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) white wine vinegar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) honey
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) warm water
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) shelled edamame
- 750 ml (3 cups) corn
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) each diced red and orange pepper
- 2 green onions, sliced
- Salt and pepper, to taste

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▶ Tampa Bay's Ben Zobrist beats the tag by Boston catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia.

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Rays closing in on slumping Red Sox

Boston shortstop Marco Scutaro had to dodge a broken bat and wound up letting the go-ahead single through his legs on Thursday night as the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Red Sox 9-2 and cut their deficit in the AL wild-card race to three games. The Red Sox dropped to 3-11 in September to fall from first place in the division to 4½ games behind the New York Yankees and into a race with the Rays for the wild card. Boston and Tampa Bay play three more times at Fenway Park this weekend.

Bombers could soon be in real trouble

CFL EXTRA POINTS

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The Winnipeg Blue Bombers have been booted from Swaggerville to Staggerville, a home for battered bones and bruised egos.

At 7-3 they still sit in first place in the CFL East, but a two-game spanking courtesy of the Saskatchewan Roughriders certainly put the Bombers in their place.

Adding to the misery is a mysterious rib injury to Winnipeg's starting QB Buck Pierce. The Bombers could have real trouble as holding on in the East.

Finding Pierce in the sick bay is no surprise, considering his black-and-blue history in Winnipeg and B.C. But with the additional losses of middle linebacker Joe Lobendahn (ACL) and the uncertain health of defensive back Jonathan Hefney, the Bombers have real problems.

Making matters worse, Winnipeg have two games in the next three weeks against the Grey Cup champ Alouettes and face division rivals in five of the next six weeks.

Jyles shows some promise: Steven Jyles wasn't a winner in his first start with the Toronto Argos, but he at least shows the potential to not only be successful, but sell some tickets too.

Jyles replaced deposed QB Cleo Lemon and has inherited a 2-7 team that is dead last in points produced. Yet Jyles demonstrates skills that allow quarterbacks to succeed in the CFL. In addition to a strong arm, he can make things happen with his legs, unlike Lemon.

After coming off the nine-game injured list Jyles is playing catch up while most pivots are in mid-season form. Jyles could be the key ingredient in leading the league's worst offence out of the doldrums.

Stamps' grip on top spot a bit shaky: The Calgary Stampeders are a tough team to figure out. Despite climbing back into first place in the West with a Labour Day rematch win over Edmonton, the 7-3 Stamps don't always look like the league's premier team.

Although he threw for more than 300 yards against Edmonton, starter Henry Burris has been falling into bad throwing habits and posted just one TD toss in the Edmonton rematch. That long-shot Hail Mary that found the end zone is hardly a sign of an offence that's ready to dominate opponents.

Myers signs seven-year, $38.5M deal with Buffalo

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▶ Tyler Myers

Two years ago, defenceman Tyler Myers was a fresh-faced 19-year-old unsure if he was even going to make the Buffalo Sabres season-opening roster.

On Thursday, Myers' future in Buffalo was secured through the 2019-2020 season after he signed a $38.5-million US, seven-year contract extension.

"I'm very excited today to solidify a long-term spot and be a part of this organization as it grows," Myers said. "It's somewhere I want to be for the rest of my career. And I'm still young."

Convinced that Myers, the NHL's 2009 rookie of the year, has the potential to be one of the league's elite defenceman, the Sabres wasted no time in locking up the player a year before his three-year rookie contract expired.

"We wanted to recognize Tyler not only for his abilities now, but his abilities in the future," said general manager Darcy Regier, who opened talks only two weeks ago. "It has been nothing short of a terrific start to what I think will be an outstanding career."

Myers will make $12 million in 2011-12, $6 million in 2012-13, $5 million in 2014 and 2015, $4 million in 2016-17, $3.5 million in 2017-18 and $3 million in 2018-19.

At six foot eight, Myers is the NHL's second-tallest player behind Bruins captain Zdeno Chara. And in two seasons, the Sabres' 2008 first-round draft pick has shown he has a fluid-skating style that belies his size, while also possessing an offensive knack.

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Isle be back

John Tavares and the New York Islanders agreed to terms on a six-year, $33-million US contract that will keep the 2009 No. 1 pick under contract through 2017-18.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	90	58	.608	—
Boston	86	63	.577	4½
Tampa Bay	83	66	.557	7½
Toronto	75	74	.503	15½
Baltimore	60	88	.405	30

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	87	62	.584	—
Chicago	73	76	.490	14
Cleveland	72	75	.490	14
Kansas City	65	86	.430	23
Minnesota	59	89	.399	27½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	86	64	.573	—
Los Angeles	82	67	.550	3½
Oakland	67	82	.450	18½
Seattle	62	87	.416	23½

Last night's results
Kansas City 7 Chicago White Sox 2
Tampa Bay 9 Boston 2
Texas 7 Cleveland 4
Detroit at Oakland
Wednesday's results
Toronto 5 Boston 4
Baltimore 6 Tampa Bay 2
Detroit 6 Chicago White Sox 5 (10 inn.)
Kansas City 7 Minnesota 3
L.A. Angels 4 Oakland 1
Seattle 2 N.Y. Yankees 1 (12 innings)
Texas 9 Cleveland 1
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
L.A. Angels (Haren 15-8) at Baltimore (Tom.Hunter 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 19-8) at Toronto (Cecil 4-9), 7:07 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Shields 15-10) at Boston (Beckett 12-5), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Humber 9-8) at Kansas City (F.Paulino 3-6), 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland (U.Jimenez 3-2) at Minnesota (Slowey 0-5), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (Fister 8-13) at Oakland (Cahill 11-13), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (C.Wilson 16-6) at Seattle (Beavan 4-5), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Philadelphia	97	51	.655	—
Atlanta	86	64	.573	12
Washington	71	77	.480	26
New York	71	79	.473	27
Florida	67	83	.447	31

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	87	63	.580	—
St. Louis	81	68	.544	5½
Cincinnati	74	76	.493	13
Pittsburgh	67	82	.450	19½
Chicago	65	85	.433	22
Houston	51	98	.342	35½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	87	63	.580	—
San Francisco	80	70	.533	7
Los Angeles	73	75	.493	13
Colorado	70	79	.470	16½
San Diego	63	87	.420	24

x — clinched playoff berth

Yesterday's results
Cincinnati 8 Chicago Cubs 6 (11 innings)
Philadelphia 3-2 Florida 1-2 (2nd gm, 10 innings)
San Francisco 8 Colorado 5
Washington 10 N.Y. Mets 1
Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers
Wednesday's results
Atlanta 4 Florida 1
Cincinnati 7 Chicago Cubs 2
Colorado 6 Milwaukee 2
L.A. Dodgers 3 Arizona 2
Philadelphia 1 Houston 0
San Francisco 3 San Diego 1
St. Louis 3 Pittsburgh 2
Washington 2 N.Y. Mets 0
Today's games
All Times Eastern
Houston (W.Rodriguez 11-10) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 8-10), 2:20 p.m.
Florida (Vazquez 10-11) at Washington (Lannan 9-12), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (J.Garcia 12-7) at Philadelphia (Worley 11-2), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wolf 12-9) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 8-11), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Capuano 10-12) at Atlanta (D.Lowe 9-14), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 11-12) at Colorado (White 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
Arizona (Miley 3-1) at San Diego (Stauffer 8-12), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Locke 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 11-16), 10:10 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 12

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Winnipeg	10	7	3	0	242	229	14
Montreal	10	6	4	0	317	251	12
Hamilton	10	5	5	0	273	270	10
Toronto	10	2	8	0	206	290	4

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Calgary	10	7	3	0	269	258	14
Edmonton	10	6	4	0	229	227	12
B.C.	10	4	6	0	260	225	8
Saskatchewan	10	3	7	0	237	283	6

Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Edmonton at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Toronto at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.
B.C. at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
Winnipeg at Montreal, 1 p.m.

RUGBY

WORLD CUP

FIRST ROUND

Yesterday's result
At New Plymouth, New Zealand
U.S. 13 Russia 6
Today's matches — All Times Eastern
At Hamilton, New Zealand
New Zealand vs. Japan, 4 a.m.
At Invercargill, New Zealand
Argentina vs. Romania, 11:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's matches
At Wellington — South Africa vs. Fiji, 2 a.m.
At Auckland — Australia vs. Ireland, 4:30 a.m.
At Hamilton — Wales vs. Samoa, 11:30 p.m.

NFL

WEEK TWO

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	1.000	38	24
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	41	7
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
Miami	0	1	0	.000	24	38

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	34	7
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	16	14
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	14	16
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	7	34

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	35	7
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	17	27
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	7	35

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	23	20
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	7	41
Denver	0	1	0	.000	20	23

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	28	14
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	31	13
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	24	27
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	14	28

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	34	42
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	20	27
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	21	28
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	12	30

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	30	12
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	27	20
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	42	34
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	17	24

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	33	17
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	28	21
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	13	31
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	17	33

Sunday's games
All Times Eastern
Chicago at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Washington, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Dallas at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Houston at Miami, 4:15 p.m.
San Diego at New England, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
St. Louis at N.Y. Giants, 8:30 p.m.

NHL

PRE-SEASON

Monday's games
All Times Eastern
Nashville (ss) at Florida (ss), 3 p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Nashville (ss) at Florida (ss), 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

PGA BMW CHAMPIONSHIP

At Lemont, Ill.
Par 71 (35-36)
First Round

Justin Rose	30-33—63
Webb Simpson	33-32—65
Mark Wilson	33-32—65
K.J. Choi	31-36—67
Jim Furyk	35-33—68
Camilo Villegas	33-35—68
John Senden	35-33—68
Robert Karlsson	35-34—69
Rickie Fowler	34-35—69
Zach Johnson	35-34—69
Chez Reavie	35-34—69
Sergio Garcia	35-34—69
Chad Campbell	33-36—69
Robert Allenby	34-35—69
Hunter Mahan	35-34—69
Jimmy Walker	34-35—69
Geoff Ogilvy	34-35—69
Lucas Glover	38-32—70
Y.E. Yang	34-36—70
Jonathan Byrd	35-35—70
Carl Pettersson	37-33—70
Gary Woodland	38-32—70
Bill Haas	36-34—70
Sean O'Hair	33-37—70
Jason Dufner	36-35—71
Keegan Bradley	36-35—71
David Toms	38-33—71
Nick Watney	34-37—71
Pat Hurst	35-33—68
Tiffany Joh	33-35—68
Stacy Lewis	35-33—68
Paige Mackenzie	36-32—68
Suzann Pettersen	35-33—68
Yani Tseng	34-34—68
Chella Choi	35-34—69
Haru Nomura	34-35—69
Morgan Pressel	34-35—69
Samantha Richdale	**37-32—69**
Mariajo Uribe	36-33—69
Amy Yang	35-34—69
Katherine Hull	37-33—70
Lorie Kane	**34-36—70**
Birdie Kim	33-37—70
Jin Young Pak	37-33—70
Reilley Rankin	35-35—70
Jessica Shepley	**35-35—70**
Jenny Shin	35-35—70
Also	
Alena Sharp	**36-36—72**
Stephanie Sherlock	**36-37—73**
Lisa Meldrum	**38-36—74**

LPGA NAVISTAR CLASSIC

At Prattville, Ala.
Par: 72 (36-36)
First Round

Jennifer Johnson	35-30—65
Lexi Thompson	33-33—66
Becky Morgan	35-32—67
Alison Walshe	32-35—67
Amanda Blumenherst	35-33—68

NATIONWIDE BOISE OPEN

At Boise, Idaho
Par 71 (36-35)
Partial First Round

Jonas Blixt	32-30—62
Kevin Stadler	33-32—65
Chris Tidland	31-34—65
Jason Schultz	32-33—65
Brian Smock	36-30—66
Greg Owen	34-32—66
John Riegger	37-30—67
Billy Horschel	32-35—67
Bobby Gates	32-35—67
Woody Austin	36-31—67
Elliot Gealy	34-33—67
Billy Hurley III	33-34—67
Josh Broadaway	34-33—67
Richard H. Lee	34-34—68
John Mallinger	33-35—68
Also	
Jon Mills	**39-32—71**

CIS FOOTBALL

WEEK THREE

Tonight's game — All Times Eastern
Calgary at Regina, 9 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
St. Francis Xavier at Concordia, 1 p.m.
Saint Mary's at Montreal, 1 p.m.
Bishop's at Mount Allison, 1 p.m.
McGill at Acadia, 1 p.m.
Guelph at Toronto, 1 p.m.
Wilfrid Laurier at Queen's, 1 p.m.
Ottawa at Western Ontario, 1 p.m.
York at Waterloo, 1 p.m.
Saskatchewan at Manitoba, 2 p.m.
Alberta at British Columbia, 5 p.m.
Laval at Sherbrooke, 7 p.m.
McMaster at Windsor, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

WTA CHALLENGE BELL

At Quebec City
Singles — Second Round
Daniela Hantuchova (1), Slovakia, def. Melinda Czink, Hungary, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-3.
Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, def. Lucie Safarova (2), Czech Republic, 7-6 (1), 7-5.
Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (6), Czech Republic, def. Mirjana Lucic, Croatia, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.
Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, def. Irina Falconi (7), U.S., 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.
Doubles — First Round
Petra Rampre, Slovenia, and Chichi Scholl, U.S., def. **Eugenie Bouchard, Westmount,** Que., and **Rebecca Marino, Vancouver**, 6-3, 6-3.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Columbus	28	11	9	8	35	36	41
Kansas City	28	10	8	10	43	36	40
Philadelphia	27	8	7	12	35	30	36
Houston	29	8	9	12	36	38	36
D.C. United	25	8	7	10	37	35	34
New York	27	6	6	15	42	38	33
Chicago	27	4	8	15	30	35	27
New England	28	5	11	12	32	43	27
Toronto	29	5	12	12	30	51	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Los Angeles	28	15	3	10	40	22	55
Seattle	28	13	6	9	43	31	48
Dallas	28	13	8	7	36	31	46
Real Salt Lake	26	13	7	6	37	22	45
Colorado	29	10	8	11	39	37	41
Portland	27	9	12	6	33	41	33
Chivas USA	28	7	11	10	32	33	31
San Jose	27	6	10	11	29	35	29
Vancouver	27	4	13	10	28	43	22

Wednesday's result
Houston 2 Columbus 2
Tonight's game — All Times Eastern
New England at Portland, 11 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Colorado at Toronto, 1:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at Chicago, 4 p.m.
Columbus at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Kansas City at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

NASL

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-Carolina	26	17	6	3	49	23	54
x-Puerto Rico	26	13	6	7	39	32	46
x-Tampa Bay	25	10	8	7	38	34	37
x-Ft. Lauderdale	26	9	7	10	34	33	37
x-Edmonton	27	10	11	6	35	38	36
Minnesota	26	8	10	8	27	30	32
Montreal	26	7	11	8	29	27	29
Atlanta	26	4	19	3	24	58	15

x — clinched playoff berth.
Tomorrow's games — All Times Eastern
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Fort Lauderdale, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Puerto Rico, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

EUROPA LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
GROUP A
PAOK Thessaloniki (Greece) 0 Tottenham (England) 0
Shamrock Rovers (Ireland) 0 Rubin Kazan (Russia) 3
GROUP B
FC Copenhagen (Denmark) 1 Vorskla Poltava (Ukraine) 0
Hannover (Germany) 0 Standard Liege (Belgium) 0
GROUP C
Hapoel Tel Aviv (Israel) 0 Rapid Bucharest (Romania) 1
PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 1, Legia Warsaw (Poland) 0
GROUP D
FC Zurich (Switzerland) 0 Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 2
Lazio (Italy) 2 Vaslui (Romania) 2
GROUP E
Besiktas (Turkey) 5 Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel) 1
Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 1 Stoke City (England) 1
GROUP F
Paris Saint-Germain (France) 3 Salzburg (Austria) 1
Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia) 1 Athletic Bilbao (Spain) 2
GROUP G
Austria Vienna (Austria) 1 Metalist Kharkiv (Ukraine) 2
AZ Alkmaar (Netherlands) 4 Malmo (Sweden) 1
GROUP H
Birmingham City (England) 1 Braga (Portugal) 3
FC Bruges (Belgium) 2 Maribor (Slovenia) 0
GROUP I
Atletico Madrid (Spain) 2 Celtic (Scotland) 0
Udinese (Italy) 2 Rennes (France) 1
GROUP J
Maccabi Haifa (Israel) 1 AEK Larnaca (Cyprus) 0
Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 0 Schalke (Germany) 0
GROUP K
Fulham (England) 1 Twente (Netherlands) 1
Wisla Krakow (Poland) 1 Odense (Denmark) 3
GROUP L
Anderlecht (Belgium) 4 AEK Athens (Greece) 1
Sturm Graz (Austria) 1 Lokomotiv Moscow 2

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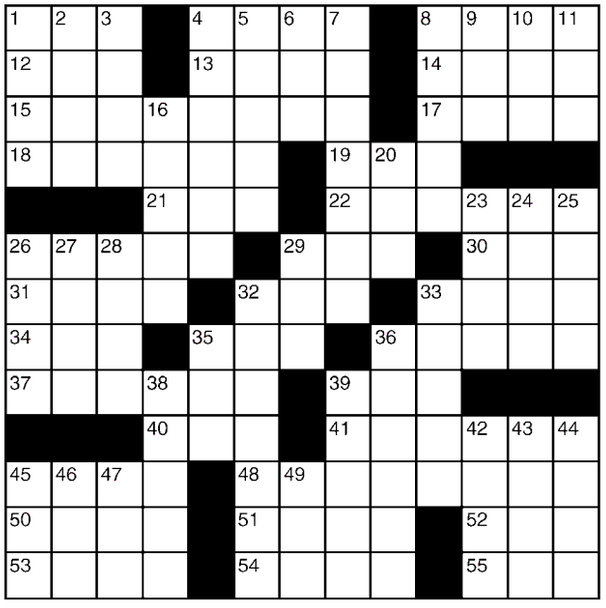

Across

1 Style of jazz
4 Crimson Tide school, for short
8 Drawn-out story
12 Commotion
13 Satan's specialty
14 Pre-diploma hurdle
15 Attendance check
17 Slithery swimmers
18 Snaps
19 Firmament
21 Nevertheless
22 "Toddlers and —"
26 Duel tool
29 Toast topping
30 Right angle
31 Exceeding
32 Series of skirmishes
33 Arizona city
34 Healthy
35 Sharp turn
36 Man of morals?
37 Embodiment
39 Toss in
40 Mimic
41 Old 21-shilling coin
45 Coquettish one
48 Long-distance communication
50 Canal zone?
51 Greatly
52 Poorly lit
53 Spiders' spinnings
54 Church furniture
55 Motorists' org.

Down

1 Zinger
2 Stench
3 Staff
4 Boris of tennis
5 "Halt!" at sea
6 Wire measure
7 Outstanding athlete
8 "Bye"
9 Chopper
10 Cowboy's sweetie
11 Early hrs.
16 Tier
20 Novak or Basinger
23 Roger of "Cheers"
24 Additionally
25 Rebuff a masher
26 Couch
27 Tel —
28 Second letter
29 Binge
32 Bug, in a way
33 Doctor
35 Tase, maybe
36 Grown-ups
38 One of Franklin's certainties
39 Radiant
42 Zilch (Sp.)
43 Director Kazan
44 — mater
45 Small gull
46 Anger
47 Penpoint
49 Bullring bravo

▶ Yesterday's answer

A	R	M	S	■	■	S	P	A	T	■	J	I	M	
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S	E	X	T	E	T	■	■	■	E	V	E	N	T	
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S	T	Y	■	■	T	I	M	E	■	■	R	E	A	L

Sudoku

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	2	5		8		6	9	1
	3					1	7	
			4		8			
	5	2					4	
1	6	8		4		3	5	
	9		8	6				2
					7			

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

7	3	1	5	6	8	4	2	9
2	5	9	4	7	1	3	6	8
6	8	4	3	2	9	5	1	7
3	9	2	7	1	5	8	4	6
4	7	5	8	9	6	1	3	2
1	6	8	2	4	3	9	7	5
5	1	3	6	8	2	7	9	4
9	4	6	1	5	7	2	8	3
8	2	7	9	3	4	6	5	1

Send a KISS

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someone who knows, Thanks for that cute message. You are very thoughtful to think of all of us ladies. **LONELY**

Handsome, I missed you this summer, our picnics, our long embraces that take my breath away, your sweet voice and kisses. I cherish them all and...OMG I remember now...You are the best!!!! Saltee, **PRINCESS**

Jennelle, Baby Cakes I love you so much and nothing is every going to change. You are my only, theres nothing we cant do together. I love you Forever & Ever Mwuah Xo **STENO**

Awesome #1, I miss you and think about you often. I wish I could tell you how predictable she is but you won't listen. I hope your heart isn't broken again because you don't deserve that. **AWESOME #2**

A look at the weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Min 9°	Min 5°	Min 6°
Max 18°	Max 15°	Max 18°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 If someone in a position of power offers you advice today, you should listen and learn.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Try not to get upset or uptight today. How you react to provocation will determine what happens next.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The depth and intensity of your feelings will surprise you today, but don't try to deny that they exist.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Someone you meet will attract you like a moth to the proverbial flame.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Someone in a position of authority thinks highly of you. Use him or her to get what it is you desire.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If you start a new relationship today, it'll last a lifetime. If an existing relationship needs spicing up, it's time.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Spend less time on other people's problems and more time on your own.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Sit back and let life come to you, and expect surprises of an extremely pleasant nature.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 It's okay to focus on material things. It's not all about money, of course, but a lot of it is.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Creatively, you are on a high right now. Produce something special.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 What happens today will answer a question that has been nagging at you for months.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Forget about protecting what you already have and look for ways to get more. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Caption contest

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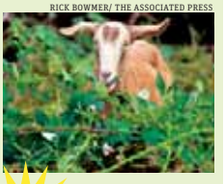

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